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OF HEALTH
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ROINN NA SLÁINTE PUIBLIDHE,

SRATH AN URLAIR,

CO. DHÚN NA nGALL.

Do

Bhainisteor na Conndae

Agus do Chathaoirleach agus Comhaltaí

Chomháiirle Chonndae Dhún na nGall.

A DHAOINE UAISLE,

Is mór agam d'onóir an cuntas cinn-bliadhna seo do chur fé nbhúr mbrághaid fé mar atá de dhualgas orm do réir na n-Ordughadh seo leanas : Ordughadh na Liaigh-Fheadhmannach Conndae, 1926, agus Ordughadh Sláinte Puiblidhe (Liaigh-Riaradh Leanbhai) a 1920.

Mise, le meas,

M. BASTABAL,

Liaigh-Fheadhmannach Conndae.

Meitheamh, 1948.

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DONEGAL COUNTY.

STAFF OF PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1947.

County Medical Officer of Health :

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M. J. MCCOLGAN, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H., B.Sc., L.M.
(Resigned 25th March, 1947).

D. COFFEY, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.

F. Ó. SIOCHFHRADHA, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.
(Temporary—Took up duty 16th April, 1947).

County Ophthalmic Surgeon (Part-Time) :

G. O'DONNELL, M.B.

School Dental Officers (Part-Time) :

JOSEPH R. KELLY, B.D.S. ; D. J. BONAR, B.D.S. ; G. O'LEARY,,
L.D.S. ; J. L. MULHERN, L.D.S.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES:

Full-Time :

MISS ANNE CASEY, MISS MARGARET T. McLAUGHLIN,
MISS C. O'CONNOR.

Part Time :

The Jubilee and Dudley Nurses :

Employed in the following areas : Annagry, Ardara, Arranmore, Ballybofey and Stranorlar, Ballyshannon, Bruckless, Bunrana, Bundoran, Carndonagh, Carrigart, Convoy, Derrybeg, Donegal, Doochary, Drumholm, Dunfanaghy, Dungloe, Fahan, and Inch, Fanad Upper, Fanad Lower, Frosses, Glencolumkille, Glenfin, Gortahork and Falcarragh, Kilcar, Letterkenny, Lifford, Clonleigh and Castlefin, Malin, Manorcunningham, Moville, Muff and Upper Moville, Ramelton, Raphoe, Rathmullan and Glenvar, Taughboyne.

The four Nurses employed by the MacDevitt Nursing Trust, Glenties.

Clerks :

SEAMUS O CEALLAIGH ; ROISIN MCGILLOWAY (Temporary).

PART I.

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POPULATION.

The population of County Donegal, comprising an area of 1,193,581 statute acres, was 136,136, according to Census of Population, 1916. The population for the several years 1821 to 1916 was as follows :—

1821 ...	248,270	1881 ...	206,035
1831 ...	289,149	1891 ...	185,635
1841 ...	296,448	1901 ...	173,722
1851 ...	255,158	1911 ...	168,537
1861 ...	237,395	1926 ...	152,508
1871 ...	218,334	1936 ...	142,310
1916 ...	136,136		

The following table shows the distribution of the population according to Urban and Rural Districts from the Census of the year 1911 to that of 1936 :—

District.	1911 Census.	1926 Census.	1936 Census.
URBAN DISTRICTS :			
Buncrana U.D. ...	1,874	2,309	2,295
Bandoran U.D. ...	2,116	1,339	1,351
Letterkenny U.D. ...	2,194	2,308	2,649
RURAL DISTRICTS :			
Ballyshannon R.D. ...	7,772	7,509	6,628
Donegal R.D. ...	19,616	16,552	14,780
Dunfanaghy R.D. ...	15,471	14,252	13,559
Glenties R.D. ...	32,800	30,081	27,562
Inishowen R.D. ...	33,837	30,545	28,285
Letterkenny R.D. ...	9,961	8,782	8,496
Milford R.D. ...	19,293	16,884	15,497
Stranorlar R.D. ...	23,503	21,947	21,090

The following Table shows the population of the towns in County Donegal according to the 1936 Census :—

Towns with Population Over 200.		Towns with Population Under 200.	
Letterkenny ...	2,649	Creeslough ...	199
Buncrana ...	2,295	Cross Roads ...	171
Ballyshannon ...	2,223	Killygordon ...	165
Bundoran ...	1,352	Kilmacrenan ...	155
Donegal ...	1,315	Carrigans ...	154
Moville ...	937	Clonmany ...	123
Rathmelton ...	924	Carrowkeel ...	120
Raphoe ...	754	Kilcar ...	117
Ballybofey ...	736	Manorcunningham	117
Carndonagh ...	660	Carrickart ...	115
Killybegs ...	631	Muff... ...	114
Dungloe ...	593	Carrick ...	112
Lifford ...	478	Malin ...	112
Stranorlar ...	462	Culdaff ...	95
Ardara ...	442	Ballindrait ...	91
Rathmullan ...	402	Laghey ...	85
Dunfanaghy ...	386		
Milford ...	377		
Castlefin ...	374		
Convoy ...	369		
Glenties ...	360		
Mountcharles ...	313		
Ballintra ...	287		
St. Johnston ...	272		
Pettigo (pt. of) (a)	251		
Dunkincely ...	235		
Newtowncun- ningham ...	207		

(a) The remainder of the town of Pettigo is in District Electoral Division of Clonelly, Fermanagh County.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Assessable Valuation of County :

Health District of Donegal	...	...	£310,031	0	0
Rate of Id. in the £ produces	...	...	1,291	15	11
Area of County in Statute Acres	...	...	1,193,581		

VITAL STATISTICS.

							1947.
1.	Population (According to Census of Population, 1946)	...	...	...	...	...	136,136
2.	Number of Births	...	...	...	...	...	3,045
	Rate per 1,000 of the Population	...	...	...	...	...	22.4
3.	Number of Marriages	...	...	...	...	...	742
	Rate per 1,000 of the Population	...	...	...	...	...	5.4
4.	Number of Deaths from all Causes	...	...	...	...	...	2,036
	Rate per 1,000 of the Population	...	...	...	...	...	14.9
5.	Number of Deaths from Tuberculosis (all forms)	...	...	...	...	...	143
	Rate per 1,000 of the Population	...	...	...	...	...	1.0
6.	Number of Deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	102
	Rate per 1,000 of the Population	...	...	...	...	...	0.7
7.	Number of Deaths from other forms of Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	41
	Rate per 1,000 of the Population	...	...	...	...	...	0.3
8.	Number of Deaths from Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	77
	Rate per 1,000 of the Population	...	...	...	...	...	0.6
9.	Number of Deaths from Cancer	...	...	...	...	...	173
	Rate per 1,000 of the Population	...	...	...	...	...	1.27
10.	Number of Deaths of Infants under 1 year	...	...	...	...	...	159
	Rate per 1,000 Births	...	...	...	...	...	52
11.	*Number of Deaths from Principal Epidemic Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	32
	Rate per 1,000 of the Population	...	...	...	...	...	0.2
12.	Number of Deaths from Diarrhoea and Enteritis in Children under 2 years of age	...	...	...	...	...	10
13.	Number of Successful Primary Vaccinations	...	...	...	...	...	1,482
14.	Number of Deaths from Puerperal Infection	...	...	...	...	...	1
15.	Number of Deaths from other Puerperal Conditions	...	...	...	...	...	4
16.	Uncertified Deaths	...	...	...	...	...	553
	Percentage of total deaths	...	...	...	...	...	27.1
17.	Number of Deaths from Violence	...	...	...	...	...	53
18.	Number of Deaths of Persons over 65 years	...	...	...	...	...	1,218
	Percentage of total deaths	...	...	...	...	...	59.8
19.	Deaths registered during the year include:—	...	...	...	...	...
	Inquest Cases	...	...	...	...	...	45
	In Public Institution	...	...	...	...	...	305

* Principal Epidemic Diseases; Enteric Fever, Typhus, Smallpox, Scarlet Fever, Whooping Cough, Diphtheria, Dysentery and Diarrhoeal diseases.

HEALTH ACT, 1947.

The Health Act, 1947, which came into force on April 1st, 1948, is officially defined as "An Act to make further and better provision in relation to the health of the people, and to provide for the making of regulations by virtue of which certain changes may be made." This is a very important Act, as it repeals many existing statutes under older Acts, and introduces very wide concepts of state and social medicine. Certain provisions of a compulsory or semi-compulsory nature have been the subject of much public discussion, and there still appears to be a certain amount of public disquiet about some aspects of these provisions. Only time can tell how far these misgivings are justified. The fact, however, that the Bill was debated at such length in the Dail and the Press shows that its implications have been fully considered, and it seems unlikely that the Act as it now stands can incorporate anything directly repugnant to the Constitution which was accepted by the country under the previous political regime.

It is many years now since a comprehensive Health Act was framed to meet the needs of this country, so that the Act is long overdue. It is very wide in scope, as it is largely an Act by means of which detailed Regulations may be issued covering practically every aspect of Public Health.

To indicate the scope of recent Health legislation, it is sufficient to enumerate the following enactments:—

- (1) Health Act, 1947—commences 1/4/1948.
- (2) Infectious Diseases Regulations, 1948 — commence 1/4/1948.
- (3) Mother and Child Health (Temporary) Regulations, 1948.
- (4) Health Act, 1947 (Adaptation) Order, 1948.
- (5) Health (Duties of Officers) (Temporary Provisions) Order, 1948.
- (6) Health Act, 1947 (Date of Commencement) (No. 2) Order, 1948.
- (7) Infectious Diseases (Aircraft) Regulations 1948 (commencing 1st May, 1948).
- (8) Infectious Diseases (Shipping) Regulations 1948.
- (9) Infectious Diseases (Maintenance) Regulations, 1948.

Numbers (1), (2), (7) and (8) above are bulky publications, each running from twenty to thirty typed sheets, and containing new detailed provisions for the several types of health problems that may arise.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES REGULATIONS, 1948.

These regulations came into force on May 1st, 1948, and make considerable alterations in the law and procedure relating to infections. Part 1 deals with the citation of the regulations, definitions, commencement, revocations, enforcement and notice

of provisions of the regulations. The responsibility of administering the infectious disease service is, in accordance with the Health Act, 1947, transferred to the Health Authorities (i.e. the County and County Borough Councils) from the sanitary authorities (which include the Urban District Councils).

Part II. deals with the specification of infectious diseases as provided for in Section 29 of the Health Act. Most of the diseases listed are covered by the existing legislation and regulations relating to infectious disease which are repealed by the Act. New inclusions are anthrax, infective hepatitis, impetigo contagiosa, infective mononucleosis, streptococcal sore throat and tinea capitis. In addition, tuberculosis and the venereal diseases are now included in the general list of infectious diseases. Up to the present they have been dealt with separately in legislations and regulations.

Articles 8, 9, 10 and 11 deal with the exclusion of certain of the listed diseases from the definition of infectious disease for the purpose of certain sections of the Health Act.

ARTICLE 9.—Section 38 provides for the compulsory isolation in certain circumstances of persons suffering from infectious diseases.

ARTICLE 10.—Section 41 deals with the rehabilitation of persons suffering or recovering from infectious disease.

ARTICLE 11.—Section 44 relates to payment of allowances to persons suffering from infectious disease and their dependents.

PART III. of the Regulations contains a series of general provisions dealing with the diagnosis and treatment of infectious disease and the prevention of the spread of infection.

Article 14 defines the powers of examining persons to find out if they are infectious.

Health authorities are obliged under article 19 to make arrangements for cleaning, disinfection and disinfection and provision is made in relation to charges for these services.

ARTICLE 21 makes it **compulsory** for each health authority to make and operate a Venereal Disease Scheme. Under existing law, county and county borough councils had power to make such schemes, but were not compelled to do so.

PART IV. relates to immunisation and vaccination.

ARTICLE 24 replaces the Vaccination Acts, which are repealed by the Health Act. Under this Article it will be possible to have either what might be termed semi-compulsory vaccination or absolutely compulsory vaccination. Under the semi-compulsory scheme, a chief medical officer can, after a child is three months old, send to his parent a notice requiring the child's attendance for vaccination at a named time and place. If he has an objection to vaccination, the parent will have the right to opt out by sending a written objection to the chief medical officer. The Minister may, however, make an Order under section 32 of the Act making

vaccination compulsory under certain circumstances. In such a case a parent would not have any right to refuse to submit the child for vaccination, except where it was unnecessary or medically undesirable.

ARTICLE 25, which deals with immunisation against diphtheria, is similar to Article 24.

PART IV. deals with the notification of infectious diseases and replaces the Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act, 1889, as extended by various provisions of subsequent Infectious Diseases Regulations. The diseases listed in the second schedule to the Regulations will be notifiable, except impetigo contagiosa, influenza and, where it occurs outside an urban area, scabies.

Article 23 and 34, which deal with the intimation and notification of tuberculosis, replace the Tuberculosis Notification Order, 1919. The scope of that provision is widened to cover all cases of tuberculosis. The provisions relating to intimation are new. The following are now notifiable: Pleurisy with effusion, Erythema Nodosum, Phlyctenular Conjunctivitis—conditions which are often associated with tubercular infection.

Article 35 is also a new provision whereby it is hoped, without any names being divulged, to obtain more accurate information than is at present available, as to the incidence of venereal disease and the willingness of persons suffering from it to take treatment.

List of Notifiable Diseases (Infectious Diseases Regulations, 1948).

Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis.	Paratyphoid B.
Anthrax.	Pemphigus neonatorum.
Brucellosis (undulant fever).	Plague.
Cerebro-spinal fever.	Primary Pneumonia.
Cholera.	Psittacosis.
Diphtheria.	Quarterly pyrexia.
Dysentery.	Rubella.
Encephalitis lethargica.	Scabies (only if in an urban district).
Epidemic diarrhoea and enteritis (in children under 2 years).	Scarlet Fever.
Erysipelas.	Smallpox.
Gonorrhoea.	Soft chancre.
Haemorrhagic jaundice (Weil's Disease).	Streptococcal sore throat.
Infective hepatitis.	Syphilis.
Infective mononucleosis.	Tinea capitis (Ringworm of head).
Influenzal pneumonia.	Tuberculosis.
Malaria.	Trachoma.
Measles.	Typhoid.
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.	Typhus.
Paratyphoid A.	Whooping Cough.
	Yellow Fever.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFICATIONS, 1947—COUNTY DONEGAL.

Dispensary District.	Tuber- culo- sis	Ente- rie Fever	Diph- theria	Scar- let Fever	Puer- peral Infec- tion	Meas- les	Whoop- ing Cough	Pri- mary Pneu- monia	Infan- czal Pneu- monia	Acute Ante- rior Polo- myelitis	Cere- bro Spinal Fever	Oph- thal- mia Neona- torum	Scab- ies	Erv- sipe- las	Dia- rhea and Enter- itis
Ardara	7	—	—	2	—	2	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	1	—
Ballintra	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ballyshannon	10	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Bunrana	10	8	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	3	—	—	3	—	1
Cardonagh	7	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	36	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carrick	13	—	—	3	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Castlefin	11	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—
Churchill	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
Cloughan	4	1	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Clonna	8	1	1	2	—	2	1	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Clonna	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
Cross Roads (Falcarragh)	8	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Cross Roads (Bunbeg)	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Donegal	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Doochary	6	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Dunfanaghy	4	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dungloe	7	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Dungloe (Burt-na-port)	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dungloe (Arranmore)	4	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dunlincely	4	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fasad	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—
Genties	6	—	3	—	—	—	7	1	5	—	3	—	—	—	—
Killerry	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—
Killea	7	1	1	1	1	3	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Killebegs	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Killygordon	3	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Killymaxrenn and Milford	3	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lachey	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Latterkenny	8	1	7	—	—	—	—	1	1	3	—	—	—	—	—
Malin	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Manacunningham	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Morelle	3	—	2	—	—	3	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pettigo	8	—	1	1	—	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ramilton	5	—	—	—	—	—	19	7	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Raploe	6	3	19	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Rathmullan	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
Resgill	10	1	3	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Stranorlar	7	—	2	—	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tamallon	3	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	245	21	68	20	2	30	40	40	50	32	5	1	5	3	1

TABLE OF CASES OF DIPHTHERIA NOTIFIED FOR NINE-YEAR PERIOD
ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1947.

Year.	Total Cases Notified.	Number Previously Immunised.	Number Not Previously Immunised.	Total Number of Deaths.
1939	55	11	44	5
1940	29	3	26	4
1941	29	2	27	4
1942	41	4	37	3
1943	218	33	185	14
1944	341	89	252	20
1945	368	82	286	24
1946	228	57	171	17
1947	68	18	50	6

AGE INCIDENCE OF DIPHTHERIA, 1947.

Age in Years.	No. of Cases.	No. of Deaths.
0—1	1	—
1—3	3	1
3—5	11	3
5—10	27	2
10—15	10	—
15—20	7	—
20—30	2	—
30	7	—
Totals ...	68	6

SUMMARY OF CASES OF DIPHTHERIA, 1947 (MONTHLY
INCIDENCE).

January ... 5	July 7
February ... 8	August 6
March 8	September ... 10
April 5	October 2
May 7	November —
June 9	December 1

During 1947 there were 68 cases with 6 deaths. This is the lowest incidence of the disease since 1942, and shows a very marked reduction on last year's notification of 228 cases. The following table sets out the relevant facts as to immunisation in the 68 notified cases :—

Number of cases fully immunised 17	} 68
Number of cases not immunised	... .. 50
Number of cases partly immunised	... .. 1

All the six deaths occurred in patients who had not been immunised.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

So far as our information goes, 1,462 children were immunised fully during 1947. 213 were partially immunised.

SCARLET FEVER.

TABLE OF INCIDENCE AND MORTALITY FOR SEVEN-YEAR PERIOD ENDED 1947.

Year.			Number of Notifications.	Number of Deaths.
1941	...	...	79	4
1942	...	...	66	—
1943	...	...	37	1
1944	...	...	59	1
1945	...	...	41	1
1946	...	...	26	1
1947	...	...	20	—

TYPHOID FEVER (ENTERIC).

TABLE SHOWING NUMBER OF CASES NOTIFIED AND NUMBER OF DEATHS FOR EACH OF THE YEARS 1930-1947.

Year.			Number of Cases Notified.	Number of Deaths.
1930	...	...	75	10
1931	...	...	51	5
1932	...	...	24	2
1933	...	...	46	9
1934	...	...	39	2
1935	...	...	42	1
1936	...	...	10	2
1937	...	...	102	16
1938	...	...	21	1
1939	...	...	13	1
1940	...	...	10	1
1941	...	...	15	—
1942	...	...	21	1
1943	...	...	14	1
1944	...	...	29	3
1945	...	...	22	1
1946	...	...	13	4
1947	...	...	21	3

The incidence over the twelve-month period is shown in the following Table :—

January	...	...	3	July	...	...	—
February	...	...	2	August	...	...	1
March	...	...	2	September	...	...	2
April	...	...	4	October	...	...	4
May	...	...	1	November	...	...	1
June	...	...	1	December	...	...	—

Total Incidence... Males, 10 ; Females, 11.

AGE INCIDENCE.

Age Period.	Number of Cases.
0—15	5
15—25	6
25—35	5
35—45	1
45—55	1
55	3

The three cases notified in January were all members of the same household, consisting of two elderly bachelors and a niece, living in an area in which typhoid has been endemic for some years. One of the males (aged 50 years) had died before the doctor was called to his brother (aged 62 years). This man was very ill at this stage and died next day. The niece was transferred to hospital, where she made a complete recovery.

Six cases which occurred between March and August in one area are believed to have been caused by a "carrier," who was identified as a result of an intensive search for the source of infection.

There were two cases of paratyphoid from one area in October, both of whom recovered. The source of infection was not traced.

WHOOPING-COUGH.

40 cases notified (as compared with 11 in 1946) Deaths, 5.

ACUTE ANTERIOR POLIOMYELITIS.

There were 32 cases notified as against 1 case in 1946. In common with the rest of the country, County Donegal suffered from a fairly sharp epidemic of the disease this year. There were five deaths.

AGE INCIDENCE.

Age-Period.	No. of Cases.
0—5	7
5—15	16
15—25	4
25—35	1
35—	4

The cases were fairly widely scattered all over the County, and there was no abnormal incidence in any of the towns. It was rather noticeable that of the four adults who survived all suffered from fairly severe paralysis of both lower limbs. One of these patients has partly recovered the use of his right lower limb, but the other three are still suffering from complete paralysis, and are not likely to recover. There were only two cases in children of paralysis of both lower limbs. In neither case was it complete, and they both have made a fair recovery. Of the five deaths, four were in adults and one in a child.

It is thus pretty obvious that adults were much more severely affected than children both as regards mortality and after effects.

Two cases occurred in pregnant women, both of whom died. This is in accordance with the usual finding that the disease carries a heavy mortality in this condition. One of these cases suffered from diaphragmatic paralysis complicated by bulbar-symptoms, and died very rapidly.

A feature of all the male adult cases in this epidemic was that the presenting symptom was difficulty in micturition appearing before any obvious signs of paralysis. This made for difficulty in diagnosis in the first few cases.

The following were the disabilities noted in the 27 patients who survived the disease:—

Drop-foot	...	...	...	...	2
Paralysis both lower limbs and spinal muscles	...	...	...	...	2
Complete paralysis both lower limbs	...	...	...	...	4
Partial paralysis both lower limbs	...	...	...	...	3
Partial paralysis 1 lower limb	...	...	...	...	6
Complete paralysis 1 lower limb	...	...	...	...	3
Weakness of Spinal muscles	...	...	...	...	2

Complete paralysis of 1 upper limb	...	1
Stiff Neck	... ..	1
Completely recovered	... ..	3

Some of the above had additional complications such as weakness of shoulder girdle and abdominal muscles, but the effects listed were the outstanding disabilities in each case.

CEREBRO-SPINAL MENINGITIS.

No abnormal incidence. . There were only 5 cases notified. 1 death.

TABLE SHOWING NUMBER OF CASES NOTIFIED.

Year.	Cases Notified.		Deaths.
1941	...	1	—
1942	...	2	—
1943	...	7	—
1944	...	2	—
1945	...	4	2
1946	...	3	—
1947	...	5	1

INFLUENZA.

Fifty cases of Influenzal Pneumonia were notified, with 77 deaths from influenza. (Influenza as such is not notifiable). The following table gives the number of notifications of Influenzal Pneumonia and the number of deaths from Influenza for each year since 1941.

Year.	Cases of Influenzal Pneumonia Notified.		Number of Deaths From Influenza.
1941	...	17	145
1942	...	7	77
1943	...	—	85
1944	...	4	85
1945	...	5	46
1946	...	9	85
1947	...	50	77

DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION.

As set out in previous reports, the following are now available for disinfection of clothing, etc., in County Donegal :

- (1) A modern Manlove-Elliott steam disinfector at the County Home, Stranorlar, looked after by a competent engineer.
- (2) A portable " Sack " Disinfector, purchased by the Board of Health in 1941, is temporarily housed in the District Hospital, Donegal town, through the courtesy of Dr. Gallagher, Medical Officer to the hospital.

(3) and (4) Two American Mobile Disinfectors, obtained on loan from the Irish Red Cross Society. One of these is stationed at Letterkenny District Hospital, and the other at Carndonagh District Hospital.

No definite provision has yet been made for the official transport of infected material to the above centres.

D.D.T. may be had free on application to all Dispensary Doctors.

HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Name of Hospital.				Number of Beds at 31st December, 1947.
Letterkenny	...	...	...	24
Donegal	...	...	...	25
Carndonagh	...	...	...	Nil

No cases of Infectious Disease are now taken at Carndonagh Hospital.

No alteration or improvements have been effected either to Carndonagh or Donegal Fever Hospitals since the publication of my Annual Report for 1946.

CANCER.

The following table shows the annual death-rate from Cancer in County Donegal from 1930 to the present time :—

year.				Number of Deaths.	Death Rate per 1,000 of Population.
1930	...	...	...	141	0.9
1931	...	...	...	140	0.91
1932	...	...	...	135	0.88
1933	...	...	...	134	0.88
1934	...	...	...	151	1.0
1935	...	...	...	153	1.0
1936	...	...	...	160	1.1
1937	...	...	...	173	1.2
1938	...	...	...	149	1.0
1939	...	...	...	158	1.1
1940	...	...	...	170	1.2
1941	...	...	...	161	1.1
1942	...	...	...	158	1.1
1943	...	...	...	187	1.3
1944	...	...	...	185	1.4
1945	...	...	...	166	1.2
1946	...	...	...	157	1.2
1947	...	...	...	173	1.3

TUBERCULOSIS.

CLINICS AND ATTENDANCES.

The following arrangements for Clinics for the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of Tuberculosis were in operation during the year 1947 :—

Each Fortnight.—At Carndonagh, Donegal, Glenties, Letterkenny.

Each Month.—At Ardara, Ballyshannon, Buncrana, Carrick, Carrigart, Clonmany, Dunfanaghy, Dungloe, Dunkineely, Frosses, Killybegs, Lifford, Milford, Moville, Muff, Ramelton, Raphoe, Stranorlar, Tamney.

Arranmore Island is visited as required by the local Medical Officer. In addition, suspected cases are visited in their own homes at the request of their own doctor, or of any other responsible person interested, providing the Dispensary Doctor is agreeable.

ATTENDANCE AT CLINICS.

January	...	...	120	February	...	...	113
March	...	...	107	April	...	...	160
May	...	...	169	June	...	...	178
July	...	...	155	August	...	...	104
September	...	...	138	October	...	...	157
November	...	...	133	December	...	...	129

As mentioned in previous reports, the examination of contacts is urged on all patients. Those contacts who exhibit any clinical signs of disease are immediately X-rayed and, if necessary, sent for treatment. Other contacts are tuberculin-tested and if positive, are also X-rayed. For children we have been using Tuberculin Jelly as a preliminary test, whilst for adults we have used P.P.D. for Mantoux-testing.

The total number of deaths notified by the Registrar-General was 143 as compared with 106 in 1946. Eight of these deaths occurred in the Mental Hospital.

The total number of new cases notified was 245 as compared with 254 last year. So that the number of new notifications still continues to decline although there is a sharp increase in the number of tuberculous people who died during the year. Last year (1946) we had the lowest number of deaths recorded since 1930.

TUBERCULOSIS CASES NOTIFIED—1947.

Total Number of Cases ...	...	...	...	245
Deaths ...	...	...	...	45
Sputum-positive ...	...	...	...	70
Sputum-negative ...	...	...	...	20
...	...	Pulmonary.	...	Non-Pulmonary
Males ...	...	99	...	21
Females ...	...	112	...	13
Age.	Male.	Female.	Pulmonary.	Non-Pulmonary.
1—5	2	3	—	5
5—10	12	6	10	8
10—15	13	10	19	4
15—20	13	19	29	3
20—25	11	25	34	2
25—30	20	23	39	4
30—35	17	21	34	4
35—40	19	5	22	2
40—45	5	5	9	1
45—50	1	1	2	—
50—60	5	2	6	1
60—	2	5	7	—
	120	125	211	34

Of the 245 cases notified in 1947, the following mortality statistics are available :—

Total number of Deaths...	...	...	...	...	45
Dead within :—					
(1) 12 months of notification	...	...	...	...	1
(2) 6 months of notification	...	...	...	...	8
(3) 3 months of notification	...	...	...	...	21
Notified after Death ...	...	...	...	...	15

Total Number of Children (0—15 years) coming under Treatment in 1947 ... 46

These were made up of the following :—

Pulmonary Tuberculosis ...	...	...	...	29
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis ...	...	...	...	17

Children notified in 1947 and dealt with in local and extern institutions in the year 1947 :—

Local Institutions :—

Pulmonary ...	...	...	...	...	7
Non-Pulmonary ...	...	...	...	...	1

Extern Institutions :—

Pulmonary ...	...	...	...	...	2
Non-Pulmonary ...	...	...	...	...	3

Children treated in local and extern institutions in 1947 not notified :—

Local Institution :—

Non-Pulmonary 1

Extern Institution :—

Non-Pulmonary 1

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(SCHEME FOR THE TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS).

DONEGAL COUNTY.

Return of number of patients treated under the County Tuberculosis Scheme during the year ended 31st December, 1947.

	Pulmonary Tuberculosis.			Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.			Total.
	Child- ren under 15 yrs.	Other Persons.		Child- ren under 15 yrs.	Other Persons.		
		Males.	Fe- males.		Males.	Fe- males.	
I. Insured Persons.							
(i) No. remaining under treatment :—							
(a) On 1st January, 1947	—	16	8	—	—	—	24
(b) On 31st December, 1947	—	18	15	—	—	—	33
* (ii) No. of New Patients treated during year 1947 ...	—	8	8	—	1	1	18
(iii) No. of cases under observation at close of year 1947	—	3	2	—	—	—	5
II. Other Patients.							
(i) No. remaining under treatment :—							
(a) On 1st January, 1947	77	104	128	25	15	18	367
(b) On 31st December, 1947	77	119	152	28	17	16	409
* (ii) No. of new patients treated during year 1947 ...	27	74	93	19	9	6	228
(iii) No. of cases under observation at close of year 1947	158	24	24	4	—	—	210
III. No. of patients who received treatment during year in :—				Insured.		Non-Insured.	
(a) Institutions under the control of the Local Authority				20		126	
(b) Extern Institutions				27		54	

FIGURES ILLUSTRATING THE OPERATION OF THE COUNTY TUBERCULOSIS SCHEME DURING 1947.

(1) Clinics held	...	...	...	...	...	...	331
Number of Attendances	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,663
(2) Domestic Visitation :							
Number of Visits paid by Tuberculosis Medical Officers							371
Number of Visits paid by Public Health Nurse...						...	627
Number of Visits paid by Jubilee Nurses					...	...	6,825
(3) Institutional Treatment :							
(a) County Institutions :							
Number treated in Glenties	...	...	...	...	...	...	60
Number treated in Donegal	...	...	...	...	...	...	46
Number treated in Carndonagh	...	...	...	...	...	...	44
Number treated in Lifford	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
(b) External Institutions :							
Number treated in Peamont	...	...	...	...	...	...	52
Number treated in Cappagh	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Number treated in Baldoyle	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Number treated in Dr. Steevens'	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Number treated in St. Laurence's	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Number treated in Mater Misericordiae	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Number treated in Newcastle	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Number treated in Coole	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Number treated in Lourdes, Dun Laoghaire	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Number treated in St. Vincent's	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Number treated in Adelaide	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Number treated in St. Anne's	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Number treated in Meath	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Number treated in City and County Derry	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Number treated in Stillorgau	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
(4) Contact Control :							
Number of Contacts examined	...	...	...	...	...	...	289
(5) Special Examinations :							
Reports on Sputa	...	...	...	...	...	...	214
X-Ray Examinations	...	...	...	...	...	...	792
(6) Patients died (registered deaths) :							
Pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...	...	102
Non-Pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...	...	41

**TABLE SHOWING DEATH-RATE FROM TUBERCULOSIS
IN COUNTY DONEGAL FOR THE YEARS 1930-1947.**

Year.	Number of Deaths.	Death-Rate per 1,000 of Population.
1930	192	1.03
1931	157	1.02
1932	154	1.0
1933	150	1.0
1934	156	1.02
1935	142	0.9
1936	127	0.9
1937	128	0.9
1938	134	0.9
1939	128	0.9
1940	147	1.0
1941	159	1.1
1942	188	1.3
1943	155	1.1
1944	155	1.2
1945	136	1.0
1946	106	0.8
1947	143	1.1

DOMICILIARY VISITS.

At the end of the year, there were thirty-five Jubilee and Dudley Nurses in the County, and they all visit the homes of the patients who are too ill to attend at the local clinics.

The total of visits paid by them during the year was divided as follows between the thirty-five districts :—

Annagry	144	Kanad No. 1	118
Ardara	363	Kanad No. 2	223
Arranmore Island ...	262	Frosses	181
Ballybofey and Stranorlar	213	Glencolumbkille ...	205
Ballyshannon	424	Glenfin	60
Bruckless	213	Gortahork	61
Buncrana	502	Kilcar	494
Bundoran	114	Letterkenny	424
Carndonagh	97	Lifford, Clonleigh and	
Carrigart	89	Castlefin	187
Convoy	209	Malin	150
Derrybeg	94	Manorcunningham ...	177
Donegal	201	Moville	181
Doochary	107	Muff and Upper Moville	188

Drumholm	198	Ramelton	104
Dunfanaghy	240	Rathmullen	25
Dungloe	84	Raphoe	81
Fahan and Inch	105	Taughboyne	307

627 Domiciliary visits were paid by the Superintendent Public Health Nurse in County Donegal to tuberculous patients during the year.

HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION FOR TUBERCULOUS PATIENTS.

Table Showing Number of Beds available in County Donegal as at 31st December, 1947 :—

Name of Hospital.	NUMBER OF BEDS.	
	Male.	Female.
Donegal District Hospital	9	9
Carndonagh District Hospital	10	10
Glenties District Hospital	11	10
	30	29

At the end of May, 1948, there was a list comprising 7 males and 3 females awaiting admission to hospital for **non-pulmonary** tuberculosis. The list of pulmonary cases awaiting local hospital accommodation comprised 22 males and 20 females.

It will be evident from the above that the projected accommodation for 60 beds in Killybegs is urgently needed. Most of the cases on the list for local hospitals may have to wait anything up to three or four months before a vacancy occurs.

There were 18 patients awaiting admission to Peamount Sanatorium, but this figure includes 10 patients already in local hospitals. They must resign themselves to a waiting period of six months to nine months before a vacancy can be obtained. A number of them deteriorate to such an extent during this period that they derive very little benefit from the Sanatorium regime.

One of the most urgent needs of the moment is the provision of proper hospital accommodation for adult non-pulmonary tuberculosis. Practically no cases of this nature are now taken in Dublin institutions. Lifford Hospital takes a few cases during the year, through the courtesy of the Matron and attending Surgeon, but as they have repeatedly pointed out to this department, the limited accommodation available is not at all suitable for these cases, who should have the most up-to-date orthopaedic treatment in special institutions. This particular phase of the tuberculosis problem is most unsatisfactory and disquieting.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES (MAINTENANCE) REGULATIONS, 1948.

The above regulations were made in virtue of Section 44 of the Health Act, 1947, which section applies to a person who :—

- (a) is suffering from an infectious disease, and
- (b) is undergoing treatment therefor to the satisfaction of the chief medical officer of the health authority, and
- (c) is thereby prevented from making reasonable and proper provision for his own maintenance or the maintenance of his dependants.

The only infectious diseases to which the above regulations apply are the following :—

- (1) Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis.
- (2) Diphtheria.
- (3) Paratyphoid A.
- (4) Paratyphoid B.
- (5) Tuberculosis.
- (6) Typhoid.
- (7) Typhus,

The inclusion of 'Tuberculosis' in the above list means that tuberculous patients who are undergoing treatment to the satisfaction of the County Medical Officer of Health are eligible for monetary payments, where financial hardship may be incurred either by themselves or by their dependents, as a result of the disease. The payment shall be a weekly payment, calculated at a rate specified in the regulations. For patients not receiving treatment in an institution, the following rates of payment have been sanctioned :—

Class of Person.	Rate of Payment where Person ordinarily resident elsewhere than in county borough.		
	£	s.	d.
1. For male person with dependent wife, or female person with dependent husband	2	15	0
2. For single person or a person who is a widow or widower	1	5	0
3. For dependents (other than wife or husband) :			
(a) aged 16 years and over	0	10	0
(b) aged 8 years and under 16	0	6	0
(c) aged under 8 years ...	0	3	0

HOUSING.

COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT.

Lay-out Plans for the erection of 182 Labourers' Cottages in the County Health District were approved. These Cottages are to be erected in the following areas :—

Glenties.
Convoy.
Dunfanaghy.
Corkey (Kincraigy).
Ramelton.
Dunkineely.
Milford.
Moville.
Oldtown (Letterkenny).

Steps were also taken, as far as possible, for the advancement of the housing programme for the remaining areas of the County.

LETTERKENNY URBAN DISTRICT.

The third section of the 90 house Scheme, consisting of 42 houses, was completed during the year.

185 Working-class houses have now been provided by the Council.

The erection of the above-mentioned 42 houses completes 86 of the proposed 90 houses. Remainder of scheme will now be proceeded with as part of proposed 46 house Scheme.

Plans and specifications have been approved by the Department of Local Government for 46 house Scheme, and the Bill of quantities is at present in course of extraction. When available, advertisements inviting tenders will be published.

With the completion of this 46 house Scheme, all land acquired by the Council for housing purposes under Letterkenny Compulsory Purchase Order, 1935, will be practically exhausted.

During the year, one private dwellinghouse was completed, and two further houses are nearing completion.

Special permission under Town and Regional Planning Acts to erect dwelling houses was given in three cases during the year.

BUNCRANA URBAN DISTRICT.

A Scheme of 16 houses at the Castlefield has been completed, the all-in cost of which was in the region of £20,000. These are a better-class dwelling-house, through lighted, with bath-rooms installed. The weekly rent, though not yet finally decided, will be around 18/-, inclusive of rates.

Tenders for a further scheme of 32 houses have been taken and four tenders have been received. These are for building only, exclusive of electric lighting and plumbing. The lowest shows an amount of £1,261 per house, which has been considered reasonable by the Architect, Mr. W. J. Doherty, Castle Street, Derry.

The Comnty Manager has not yet made an Order aaccepting any tender but if and when he does so the Department of Local Government will have the final decision as to whether or not the price is reasonable.

The Housing Committee at its last meeting considered sites for a future scheme of 100 houses and these were referred to the Town Planning Consultant, Mr. Frank Gibney, 29 Merrion Square, Dublin, for his opinion. He recommends two sites and contour plans are at the moment being prepared for these. The question of water and sewerage is also under consideration.

BUNDORAN URBAN DISTRICT.

Provision is being made for the erection of 25 working-class houses. Land was acquired and architects appointed, Messrs. Corr and McCormick, Greencastle, Co. Donegal.

BALLYSHANNON TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Scheme for the erection of 50 working-class houses has been prepared with a proposal for the erection of an additional 12 "Better-class" houses.

Sites have been acquired under the Ballyshannon Town Commissioners Compulsory Purchase Order 1947.

Plans have been prepared and submitted by Mr. Frank Gibney, A.M.T.P.I., Town Planning Consultant, 29 Merrion Square, Dublin.

In accordance with the plans submitted, the County Manager proposes to erect 5 one-room houses, 5 two-room houses, 15 three-room houses, and 25 four-room houses—total 50.

WATER SUPPLIES AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES.

The following special works were carried out during the year :

Mechanical filters in Donegal, Falcarragh, Carrigart and Carndonagh were overhauled and defective fittings replaced.

Pipe scraping of sections of Donegal and Glenties supply main was carried out.

Extensions of existing schemes at Ardara, Ballybofey, Rathmullen and Falcarragh were provided.

Water supplies by piping from existing springs were provided at Carnmalin and Bruckless.

A defective scheme at Drumanay was overhauled and put into working order.

Reservoir at Dunfanaghy was repaired.

A pump was provided to supplement supply from Hydraulic Ram at Dungloe.

PUMPS.

New wells were sunk and pumps provided at :—

Hollands,
Devlinreagh,
Inver,
Drumoghill,
Speenogue,
Bohillion,
Ballyhearin,
Ringsend.

New pumps were provided at :

Momeen,
Glensmoyle,
Ballybogan,
Convoy,
Culdaff.

PROPOSED WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES .

Consulting Engineers were appointed for the following proposed water supply schemes : —

Rosses Regional,
Finn Valley Regional,
Shroove and Greencastle,
Creeslough-Portnablagh,
Rossnowlagh.

Preliminary reports and estimates for these schemes have been submitted by the Consulting Engineer, and are under consideration.

Reports have also been submitted for water supplies to Kilcar and Teelin.

Gaugings were continued during the year at a number of probable sources for future water supplies.

PUBLIC LAVATORIES.

Work has commenced on erection of public lavatories in Ballybofey and Burtonport.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACTS, 1935.

The following is a list of licence holders in 1947 :—

THOMAS STEWART, Faugher, Ballymore.

CON. McLOONE, Glenties.

DOMINICK GALLAGHER, Magheraclogher, Derrybeg.

JOHN MCBREARTY, Boggagh, Carrick.

EDWARD BRADLEY, Drumbarrett, Manorcunningham.

JAMES PATTON, Castlefin.

JAMES HARTE, Lifford.

JAMES McLAUGHLIN, Muff.

ROBERT ORR, Glebe, Carrigans.
 ANDREW GALLAGHER, Main Street, Lifford.
 FRANCIS McNEELY, Main Street, Donegal.
 DOUGLAS HAMILTON, Mountcharles.
 ANDREW A. BEGLEY, Diamond, Donegal.
 THOMAS J. McCORMICK, Diamond, Donegal.
 JEREMIAH L. BYRNE, Crokeeragli, Kilcar.
 GEORGE DUNCAN, Dunkineely.
 JAMES MCGUIRE, Kinakillew, Glencolumbcille.
 PATRICK BYRNE, Bogagh, Carrick.
 WILLIAM JOHN PATTON, Ramelton.
 JAMES HERRITY, Ardsbeg, Gortahork.
 GEORGE BARRETT, Glenties.
 RICHARD WHITE, Bridge Street, Ramelton.
 ROBERT J. A. TAIT, Bawan, Convoy.
 EDWARD DOHERTY, Altclough Meenaneary, Carrick.
 JAMES CASSIDY, Ballyshannon.
 JOHN MCSHANE, Diamond, Raphoe.
 JAMES GALLAGHER, Carrigart.
 JOHN BOYLE, Ardara.
 COLUMB MAGUIRE, Malinmore, Glencolumbcille.
 WILLIAM DUGGAN, Moville.
 JOHN CRUMLISH, Ballyholey, Raphoe.
 CHARLES FERRY, Upper Keeldrum, Gortahork.
 JOHN KENNEDY, Glenties.
 JOSEPH McCLAFFERTY, Carrigart.
 JOSEPH GALLAGHER, Brinalack, Derrybeg.
 JOHN HUGH BOYLE, Lackenagh, Burtonport.
 PATRICK GALLAGHER, Templecrone Co-op. Society, Dungloe.
 ANDREW LAMBE, Ballybofey.
 BERNARD GRANT, Muff.
 EDWARD DOHERTY, Mullany, Burt.
 JOHN McELHINNEY, Carrigans.
 JOHN MCBRIDE, Sheegan, Derrybeg.
 CHARLES CRUMLISH, Drumoghill, Manorcunningham.
 JOSEPH GLACKEN, Newtowncunningham.
 PATRICK LANGAN, Cloone, Cashelmore.
 ANDREW O'DONNELL, Milltown, Burtonport.
 FRANCIS DALY, Jr., College Street, Ballyshannon.
 JOHN WHITE, Tyrconnell Street, Donegal.
 WILLIAM JOHN PATTERSON, Rathmullan.
 BERNARD BOYLE, The Carrig, Naran, Portnoo.
 DANIEL COYLE, Pluck, Manorcunningham.
 THOMAS MCGINLEY, Meenaclady, Meenlaragh.
 FRANCIS FRIEL, Rosnakill.
 JAMES CRUMLISH, Hillhead, St. Johnston.
 ALEXANDER THOMPSON, Moness, Tamney.
 PATRICK JOHN BOYLE, Ardara.

PATRICK PATTAN, Bridge End, Ramelton.
 JOHN THOMPSON, Ballintra.
 FRANCIS GALLAGHER, Rammy, Adara.
 JOHN BOGGS, Malin.
 WILLIAM McCANN, Drum, Portsalon.
 EUGENE DOHERTY, Diamond, Carndonagh.
 DANIEL CONAGHAN, Buchanan Street, Milford.
 NEIL CANNY, Pound Street, Carndonagh.
 MICHAEL BYRNE, Straleel, Carrick.
 JOSEPH P. MELLY, Main Street, Donegal.
 JOHN MOLLOY, Malin.
 JOSEPH ROULSTON, Manorcunningham.
 SAMUEL R. STEVENSON, Ballyshannon.
 EDWARD MCGINLEY, Feymore, Creeslongh.
 JOHN EDWARD BOYLE, Drumbaran, Ardara.
 JOSEPH DOHERTY, Gortfad, Clonmany.
 JOSEPH L. PATTERSON, Ballyraine, Letterkenny.
 MISS ANNE DUFFY, Raphoe.
 ELIZABETH FLOOD, JR., Main Street, Pettigo.
 DOMNICK MCGLASKIN, Tullyhumber, Frosses.
 CON. O'DONNELL, Carrick, Lifford.
 PATRICK GILLESPIE, Gortaloon, Glencolumbkille.
 ANTHONY McFADDEN, Newton, Falcarragh.
 WILLIAM PATTERSON, Castlefin.
 PATRICK McGETTIGAN, Main Street, Milford.
 ANDREW MCCREA, Main Street, Pettigo.
 FRANK BRADLEY, Drumbarney, Manorcunningham.
 WILLIAM DEENEY, Saltpans, Rathmullan.
 THOMAS PATTON, Bridge End, Ramelton.

SUMMARY OF REPORTS RECEIVED FROM VETERINARY INSPECTORS.

MR. T. A. McCLINTOCK.

Glenties Area.

MEAT INSPECTION.—Throughout the year 1947, the slaughterhouses were found to be well kept, clean, and comply with the regulations. There were 805 carcasses examined, and those found to be infected with tuberculosis, dropsy and inflammation were condemned and rendered unavailable for human food, as also were portions of carcasses, owing to injuries and decomposition. Quantities of mince meat were also condemned.

MILK INSPECTION.—I had 27 samples examined and they were found to be clean and free from disease.

DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS.—These were regularly inspected and found clean and in good order. 259 cows were examined. The milk supply from cows affected with mastitis was stopped, and the animals isolated.

BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER.—There were 27 cases reported under this Order. On examination 6 proved positive and were immediately slaughtered and compensation awarded.

SHEEP SCAB.—All sheep in the area were double dipped according to regulations. There were no outbreaks reported.

FAIRS were attended and all livestock exposed for sale inspected. Following inspection of sheep a number of owners were prosecuted for exposing sheep for sale suffering from sheep scab.

Letterkenny Urban Area.

Throughout the year 1947, on inspection of the **Meat Supply** I had 302 carcasses examined and I condemned and rendered unavailable for human food portions of carcasses owing to injuries and decomposition. Carcasses with tuberculosis, dropsy and inflammation were completely condemned and rendered unfit for food, as were also quantities of mince meat. I also condemned 5 salmon as unfit for human food, owing to decomposition, and had them buried.

MILK SUPPLY.—I had a number of samples forwarded to Dublin for bacteriological examination, and they were found satisfactory. Samples were also tested for tuberculosis and found negative.

Inspections under **The Milk and Dairies Order** were carried out. The cows were examined and dairy utensils inspected. The premises were in good order, and utensils clean. There were 5 cows, the use of whose milk was suspended owing to mastitis. These were isolated and put under treatment.

MR. W. M. D. HUNTER.

Milford Area.

MEAT INSPECTION.—I have regularly examined slaughter-houses in my area and have condemned as unfit for human consumption various viscera.

MILK AND DAIRIES.—I have carried out regular inspections of dairies, byres and cows, and have ordered the isolation of cows suffering from mastitis. The byres, dairies and utensils were clean and well kept.

MR. B. L. O'DONNELL.

Donegal Area.

MEAT INSPECTION.—Since my appointment in March, 1947, I have regularly inspected the slaughter-houses and meat shops in my area and have condemned various viscera. The standard of cleanliness and general hygiene in these premises was satisfactory.

MILK AND DAIRIES.—The dairies in this area have been regularly inspected and the handling of the milk, and general hygiene of the premises was good.

BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER.—Of the numerous reported cases 10 animals were slaughtered.

SHEEP SCAB ORDER.—Sheep exposed for sale at the various markets were inspected and two cases of sheep scab dealt with. A number of modern dipping tanks erected in this area will render dipping conditions more favourable in future.

MILK AND DAIRIES ACT, 1935.

The following shows the applications for registration granted up to 31st December, 1947, for the County Health District :—

District.				Veterinary Officer.	No. Registered.
Donegal	...	...	...	B. L. O'Donnell	29
Buncrana	...	...	...	R. Marner	31
Milford	...	...	...	W. M. D. Hunter	7
Letterkenny	...	...	...	P. McGlinchey	43
Glenties	...	...	...	T. A. McClintock	77
				Total	187

With regard to the Urban Districts of Letterkenny, Buncrana and Bundoran, the following table shows the state of affairs at 31st December, 1947 :—

Urban District.					Number Registered.
Letterkenny	...	...	...	...	5
Buncrana	...	...	...	...	6
Bundoran	...	...	...	...	17
Total					28

FREE MILK SCHEME.

DONEGAL COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT.

The above Scheme was continued in operation during the year 1947. In several areas it was not possible to get contractors to supply milk, with the result that full cream Milk Powder had

to be substituted. This powder was obtained from the Dungarvan Creamery Company, Dungarvan, and from Mr. W. Murphy, North King Street, Dublin.

1,214 children were in receipt of milk or milk powder on 31st December, 1947. A sum of £3,773 ls. 8d. was expended under the Scheme during the year.

LETTEKENNY URBAN DISTRICT.

Number of families in receipt of milk, 5. Number of children benefiting under scheme, 8. Daily milk allowance, $6\frac{1}{2}$ pints.

Many persons refused to avail of the Scheme because of inability of Council to procure fresh milk. It is understood that County Council have made provision for the supplying of fresh milk during the next financial year.

BUNDORAN URBAN DISTRICT.

There were no operations under the Free Milk Scheme for the year 1947.

BUNCRANA URBAN DISTRICT.

Operation of the Scheme continued during the year. No tenders were received for supply of milk and 184 lbs. of Full Cream Milk Powder were distributed under the supervision of Mr. J. J. Doherty, Home Assistance Officer.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE ACTIVITIES, 1947.

District.	Expectant and Nursing Mothers.	Visits Paid.	Infants under 1 Year.	Visits Paid.	Children under 5 Years.	Visits Paid.
Annamry	61	917	38	693	136	2,074
Ar dara	72	864	49	498	165	1,138
Arranmore Island	21	508	21	697	70	979
Ballyboley and Stranorlar	96	898	110	769	211	1,655
Ballyshannon	169	1,467	98	1,255	223	2,174
Bruckless	16	85	28	306	189	2,268
Bunera	271	813	104	489	371	512
Bundoran	72	1,140	53	847	118	1,960
Carndonagh	75	563	60	570	160	644
Carrigart	132	635	66	513	240	1,405
Convoy	79	1,166	35	720	134	1,688
Derrybeg	98	507	62	1,167	186	1,320
Donegal	109	789	93	738	150	1,429
Doochary	316	316	25	360	64	863
Drumholm	89	1,356	41	501	183	1,672
Dunfanaghy	72	224	50	449	79	1,397
Dungloe	40	378	41	309	173	600
Edinfinagh	15	344	31	1,910	66	1,354
Fahan and Inch	105	450	41	765	200	1,854
Fanad No. 1	80	278	35	396	138	790
Fanad No. 2	56	1,215	39	296	237	3,381
Fintown	22	264	22	264	66	1,320
Frosses	67	197	17	987	202	1,196
Glencolumbkille	30	160	42	661	90	450
Glenfin	26	79	28	368	130	636
Glenies	40	468	36	730	150	1,240
Gortahork	93	846	76	785	228	1,308
Kilcar	80	854	36	836	76	1,341
Kincasslagh	15	166	36	75	75	663
Letterkenny	234	1,149	182	2,184	484	1,241
Lifford, Clontleigh and Castlefin.	39	1,028	41	560	302	3,134
Malin	68	767	34	37	264	3,173
Manorcunningham	32	208	63	548	176	1,551
Moiville	58	1,040	35	1,000	167	2,575
Muff and Upper Moiville	61	788	51	454	115	507
Ramelton	49	594	50	815	238	1,314
Rathmullan and Glenvar	76	529	62	333	150	1,431
Raphoe	96	632	60	530	100	1,008
Taughboyne	141	2,651	98	1,181	282	2,906
By Supt. P. H. Nurse Casey	103	132	112	140	151	165

SUPERVISION OF MIDWIVES, 1947.

Miss Casey, Superintendent Public Health Nurse, reports as follows :—

103 visits of Inspection were paid to 75 Midwives. 9 resigned during the year ; 1 resided in Northern Ireland ; 1 died ; 2 practised for short periods only.

The work of the midwives was satisfactory generally.

Five Dispensary Midwives attended the post-graduate course in the National Maternity Hospital, Holles Street, Dublin.

72 visits were paid to Jubilee and Dudley nurses in connection with Maternity and Child Welfare and Tuberculosis activities.

6 visits were paid to McDevitt nurses in connection with Maternity and Child Welfare activities.

The following is a summary of the various notifications received during the year 1947 from Midwives practising in the County :—

1. Notification of Intention to Practise	...	...	...	78
2. Emergencies for which Medical Aid was summoned :—				
Abnormal Presentations	...	...	...	26
Abortions (threatened and complete)	...	...	...	7
Albuminuria	...	...	...	2
Ante-partum Hæmorrhage	...	...	...	4
Delayed Labour and Uterine Inertia	...	...	...	44
Illness and abnormalities of Infant...	...	...	...	10
Post-partum Hæmorrhage	...	...	...	4
Retained Placenta	...	...	...	6
Rupture of Perineum	...	...	...	21
3. Notification of Still Births	...	...	...	24
4. Notification of Deaths	...	...	...	16
5. Notification of Artificial Feeding	...	...	...	16
6. Notification of Liability to be a Source of Infection	...	...	...	3
7. Notification of Having Laid Out a Dead Body	...	...	...	4

PRIVATE MIDWIVES.
LIST OF MIDWIVES WHO NOTIFIED THEIR INTENTION TO
ENGAGE IN PRIVATE PRACTICE DURING 1947.

Name of Midwife.	Address.
BRIGID BOYLE	Tubberkeen, Dungloe.
CATHERINE BOYLE	17 Eden Terrace, Strabane.
ROSE AGNES BYRNE	Donegal Street, Ballybofey.
MARY C. CRAMPSEY	Diamond, Carndonagh.
WINIFRED DOLAN	Ray, Manorcunningham.
MARY FERRY	Coshclaudy, Bunbeg.
BRIDGET FRIEL	Lunniagh, Derrybeg.
SUSAN GILDEA	Oldtown, Letterkenny.
ROSE GREENE	Killult, Gortahork.
MARGARET HARKIN	Main Street, Letterkenny.
BERNADETTE KEATLEY	Ramelton.
MARY A. KELLY	Water Street, Donegal.
NABEL LONG	Ardmore, Muff.
MARY LYNCH	Carndonagh.
TERESA MCDAID	Cregaville, Ballymagan.
KATHERINE MCGOWAN	Ballyshannon.
MARGARET MCNUITY	Cashlings, Kilcar.
ELLA O'REILLY	Drumnacrin, Bundoran.
MARY K. SWEENEY	Swillybrin, Dunfanaghy.
WINIFRED G. SWEENEY	Milford.

NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS.

The following table shows the number notified to this Department for the years 1937/1947, together with the total number of registered births as supplied by the Registrar-General:—

Year.	Notified to this Department.	Births Registered.
1937	1,736	2,345
1938	1,896	2,536
1939	1,814	2,448
1940	2,008	2,629
1941	2,208	2,710
1942	2,219	3,000
1943	2,247	2,990
1944	2,241	2,947
1945	2,338	3,069
1946	2,237	2,956
1947	2,290	3,045

SCHEME FOR WELFARE OF THE BLIND.

The County Scheme administered by the County Council is, briefly, as follows :—

1. A register of blind persons in the County is kept up to date.
2. Arrangements are made by the County Council for the following :—
 - (a) The education or industrial training of suitable blind persons between the ages of five and thirty years.
 - (b) The employment in workshops for the Blind of blind persons, suitable for such employment, their maintenance in a hostel, and the augmentation of their wages.
 - (c) The maintenance in Homes of blind persons, who, owing to age or infirmity are incapable of work.
3. The County Council may, in the case of unemployable and necessitous blind persons ineligible for education or industrial training under the Scheme, and living in their own homes, or in lodgings, grant assistance to such persons in accordance with the following scale :—

	Per Week.
(a) Blind persons over 15 and under thirty years of age	10/-
(b) Blind persons over 30 years of age and upwards with pension	4/- with pension.
(c) Married man under 30 years of age with wife dependent on him	15/-
(d) Married man 30 years of age and upwards with wife dependent on him...	8/- with pension
(e) Additional allowance for each child ...	2/6

The Institutions approved by the Minister under the provisions of this Scheme are :—

Name of Institution.	Class of Blind Persons Received.
1. St. Mary's Institution for Female Blind, Merrion, Co. Dublin.	Females ; also boys up to 7 years of age.
2. St. Joseph's Asylum for Male Blind, Drumeondra, Dublin.	Males.
3. Richmond National Institution for Industrious Blind, 41 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin.	Males.
4. Cork County and City Asylum for the Blind, Infirmary Road, Cork...	Males and Females.

During the year 1947, three persons were maintained in Institutions, and allowancees were made to 60 blind persons in their own homes. The total amount paid was £826 8s. 9d.

**RETURN OF SAMPLES OF FOOD AND DRUGS TAKEN IN COUNTY
DONEGAL DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1947.**

Particulars of Samples.	No. of Samples taken.	No Certi- fied as Adulter- ated.	No. of Prosecu- tions.	No. of Convic- tions.	Amount of Fines and Costs.
					£ s. d.
Whole Milk	292	7	7	7	6 7 4
Buttermilk	15	1	1	1	0 15 0
Butter	13	—	—	—	—
Margarine	25	—	—	—	—
Cheese	5	—	—	—	—
Cocoa	27	—	—	—	—
Coffee	13	—	—	—	—
Sugar	11	—	—	—	—
Jam and Marmalade ...	7	—	—	—	—
Bread	11	—	—	—	—
Flour	68	—	—	—	—
Spirits	21	1	1	1	5 6 0
Other Intoxicating Liquor	66	—	—	—	—
Tea	2	—	—	—	—
Salt	1	—	—	—	—
Pepper	2	—	—	—	—
Mustard	3	—	—	—	—
Bread Soda	39	1	1	1	0 14 0
Barley	20	—	—	—	—
Bextartar	10	—	—	—	—
Bicarbonate of Soda ...	3	—	—	—	—
Cream of Tartar	1	—	—	—	—
Custard Powder	13	—	—	—	—
Cornflour	22	—	—	—	—
Mince Meat	7	—	—	—	—
Macaroni	1	—	—	—	—
Oatmeal	33	—	—	—	—
Indian Meal	2	—	—	—	—
Wheat Flakes	1	—	—	—	—
Semolina	3	—	—	—	—
Stewed Steak	3	—	—	—	—
Sultanas	1	—	—	—	—
Currants	3	—	—	—	—
Raisins	2	—	—	—	—
Pigs	1	—	—	—	—
Dates	1	—	—	—	—
Sago	5	—	—	—	—
Tapioca	19	—	—	—	—
Sauce	6	—	—	—	—
Mushroom Ketchup ...	1	—	—	—	—
Yorkshire Relish	1	—	—	—	—
Rice	1	—	—	—	—
Semola	1	—	—	—	—
Custard	4	—	—	—	—
Pearl Barley	4	—	—	—	—
Baking Powder	2	—	—	—	—
Snuff	1	—	—	—	—
Sausages	3	—	—	—	—

RETURN OF SAMPLES OF FOOD AND DRUGS—continued.

Particulars of Samples.	No. of Samples taken.	No. Certified as Adulterated.	No. of Prosecutions.	No. of Convictions.	Amount of Fines and Costs.
					£ s. d.
Milk Powder	1	—	—	—	—
Condensed Milk	1	—	—	—	—
Peas... ..	2	—	—	—	—
Flakemeal	3	—	—	—	—
Vinegar	17	—	—	—	—
Olive Oil	1	—	—	—	—
Cod Liver Oil	2	—	—	—	—
Non-Alcoholic Drinks ...	27	—	—	—	—
Totals	853	10	10	10	£13 2 4

CIGIRI BHIDH AGUS DRUGANNA : ROINN DHUN na nGALL.

Ainm.	Staisiun.
MACCOSGAIR, S. M.	Leitir Ceanainn.
O'CONGHAILE, L.	Leith-bhearr.
O'GAIRBHTHIN, P. S.	Baile Nua an Mhaoil.
MAGUIDHIR, T.	Rath-Bhotha.
O'FLANNAGAIN, S. E.	Bun Cranaighe.
MAGUIRC, P.	Carn Domhnach.
BREATHNACH, M.	Bun a' Phobuil.
O'H-ARA, S.	Magh.
O'GAIRBHTHIGH, B.	Beal atha Seannaigh.
MAC MATHUNA, T.	Baile atha Feich.
O'RIAIN, S.	Paite Gabha.
ARNOLD, L. P.	Bun Beag.
O'MAILLE, M. S.	An Clochar.
O'RIORDAIN, P. G.	Teampall Chroin.
SAIRSEAL, T....	Tamhnach a' t-Salainn.
UA BRAONAIN, U.	An Carraig.
MACPHAIDIN, D.	Dun Ceann Fhaolaidh.
O'CONCEANAINN, S.	Baile na nGalloglach.
MACAIDH, M.	Fal Carrach.
O'COHLAIN, P. N.	Carraig Airt.

LIST OF BURIAL GROUND CARETAKERS IN COUNTY DONEGAL.

Burial Ground.	Name of Caretaker.	Address.	Salary.
Finner	Patrick J. Quinn	Finner, Bundoran ...	6 0 0
Teetunny	George Clarke ...	Teetunny, Ballyshan- non.	3 0 0
Killymard	Isabella Irwin ...	Dromore, Donegal ...	3 0 0
Carn	James Cathcart ...	Pettigo	3 0 0
Inver	Thomas Mullan ...	Inver	3 0 0
Dunkineely	James Henderson	Dunkineely	6 0 0
Old Ray	Andrew Harkin...	Ray, Falcarragh ...	3 0 0
Tullaghobegley ...	Manus Sieyes ...	Falcarragh	3 0 0
Clondahorkey ...	James McBride	Rinclavan, Dunfan- aghy.	3 0 0
Clondahorkey No. 2	Moses Campbell	Dunfanaghy	3 0 0
Doe Castle	John McBride ...	Doe Castle, Crees- lough.	3 0 0
Magheragallon ...	Joe Curran	Derrybeg	3 0 0
Milltown	Thomas Canning	Burt	3 0 0
Drumhaggart ...	Wm. Slater	Muff	3 0 0
Grange	William Reilly ...	Grange, Burt	3 0 0
Fahan, Old	Rev. W. G. Dixon	Fahan	3 0 0
Eskaheen	Mary McColgan ...	Eskaheen, Muff ...	3 0 0
Inch	Geo. McIntyre ...	Inch	3 0 0
Balleeghan... ..	John Devanny ...	Veagh, Manorcun- ningham.	3 0 0
Anghannushin ...	G. McDermott ...	Gortlea, Letterkenny	6 0 0
Gartan	Samson Tease ...	Gartan, Churchill ...	3 0 0
Leck	Edward McGrath	Oldtown, Letterkenny	6 0 0
Kilmacrennan ...	James O'Donnell	Kilmacrennan ...	3 0 0
Killygarvan	—	—	—
Rathmullan Abbey	James Ewing ...	Killygarvan, Rathmul- lan.	3 0 0
Meevagh	Denis Gallagher...	Cloontallagh, Down- ings.	3 0 0
Ramelton	George Taylor ...	Ramelton	3 0 0
Killydonnell Abbey	Michael Hannigan	Kill Lane, Ramelton	2 8 0
Ballindrait	William Wilkie	Bogagh, Ballindrait	3 0 0
Clonleigh	Patrick Friel ...	Clonleigh, Lifford ...	6 0 0
St. Johnston	Thomas Magee ...	St. Johnston... ..	3 0 0
Ballybogan	Charles Burns ...	Ballybogan, Lifford...	3 0 0
Kilmacrennan ...	James O'Donnell	Kilmacrennan ...	3 0 0
Cooley	Michael Bonner...	Cooley, Moville ...	4 0 0
Raymoghey	Hugh Roarty ...	Ray, Manorcunning- ham	3 0 0
Tully	Charles McGroary	Drummond, Ramelton	6 0 0
Naran	Peter McLoone ...	Naran, Glenties ...	4 0 0
Killybegs	Patrick Carr (Jas.)	Roshine, Killybegs ...	3 0 0
(St. Catherine's).	—	—	—
Donegal Abbey ...	Hugh Kearus ...	Mullans, Donegal ...	8 0 0

SANITARY SUB-OFFICERS IN COUNTY DONEGAL.

Name of District.	Name of Officer.	Annual Salary.
		£
Ballyshannon	Mary Gillespie	33
Donegal	Joseph McCloskey	33
Pettigo	John Travers	14
Dunfanaghy	Patrick Maguire	20
Dungloe	Domnick O'Donnell	14
Glenties	John P. Doherty	14
Carrick	P. W. L. Cunningham	14
Carndonagh	Mary Lynch	14
Moville	P. V. McLaughlin... ..	14
Clonmany	Mary Grant	14
Buncrana	John J. Doherty	35
Aileach	Mrs. Rose McLaughlin	48
Letterkenny	Bernard Cullen	43
Milford	Hugh McBride	14
Rathmullan	Francis J. McBride	14
Rosguill	Dan McBride	7
Cloghan and Stranorlar	Bernard Griffin	27
Killygordon	Bernard Griffin	14
Castletin	James J. Brolly	43
Raphoe	James McCarron	32

DISPENSARY SERVICE IN COUNTY DONEGAL.

Dispensary District.	Medical Officer.	Midwife.	Area (Acres).	Population (1936).
Ardara ...	Dr. James C. Boyle	Miss Julia Sweeney	44,916	3,986
Ballintra ...	Dr. James Diver	Mrs. E. McGrane	16,098	1,509
Ballyshannon ...	Dr. James Gordon	Mrs. A. Cooney	25,530	6,467
Buncrana ...	Dr. James McCormick	Mrs. M. McCrudden	35,680	5,718
Cardonagh ...	Dr. F. E. Friel	Miss B. M. McDaid (temporary).	35,402	3,962
Carrick ...	Dr. C. O'Byrne	Mrs. A. B. Mannion	46,058	3,887
Castletin ...	Dr. M. Coyne	Mrs. A. M. Burke	28,594	5,119
Churchill ...	Dr. J. A. Moloney	Mrs. M. A. Coll	60,051	2,711
Cloghan ...	Dr. M. J. Boyle	Vacant	53,951	3,201
Cloghnan ...	Dr. F. J. Henley	Miss R. Greene	23,464	3,659
Cross Roads (Falcarragh) ...	Dr. F. E. Gallagher	Miss M. M. Kavanagh	51,506	5,217
Cross Roads (Bunbeg) ...	Dr. Connell Carr	Miss N. Mulhern	42,212	4,747
Donegal ...	Dr. W. J. Gallagher	Miss M. Toher	43,426	4,006
Doochary ...	Dr. E. T. Nix	Mrs. A. I. Horgan.	49,456	2,898
Dunfanaghy ...	Dr. D. G. Coll	None	32,405	3,591
Dungloe ...	Dr. H. P. Callaghan	Mrs. A. J. Gallagher	29,343	3,598
Dungloe (Burtonport) ...	Dr. D. McDevitt	Mrs. E. McCole	18,482	5,704
Dungloe (Arrammore) ...	Dr. T. B. Joyce	Mrs. B. McBride	4,461	1,480
Dunkineely ...	Dr. M. McGettigan	Miss M. J. McMorow	17,629	2,760
Fannett ...	Dr. M. McMenamin	Mrs. A. J. Corr	27,238	4,088
Genties ...	Dr. J. M. McCloskey	Mrs. R. A. Sweeney	43,211	3,135
Kilderry ...	Dr. L. M. Boyle-Kelly	Miss K. V. Friel	31,386	3,841
Killybegs ...	Dr. J. O'Connell	Miss F. M. McColgan	27,736	3,913
Killygordon ...	Dr. M. G. O'Boyle	Mrs. Nora Sweeney	22,578	2,381
Kilmacrenan and Milford ...	Dr. J. G. O'Brien	Miss B. Coyle	36,846	3,146
Lachey ...	Dr. P. A. McGarvey	Miss M. Cassidy	3,054	3,054
Letterkenny ...	Dr. P. O'Neill-Moran	Mrs. M. A. Fields	28,628	2,848
Malin ...	Dr. J. P. McGinley	Mrs. S. A. Mulhern	29,368	5,943
Manorcunningham ...	Dr. C. J. O'Sullivan	Miss B. Scanlan	22,499	4,109
Moyle ...	Dr. P. Mullin (temporary)	Mrs. A. P. McGuinness	26,636	2,492
Pettigo ...	Dr. Thomas Harkin	Miss G. A. McMonagle	18,704	5,792
Raphoe ...	Dr. Patrick Twolig	Mrs. M. A. McMonagle	32,839	1,673
Ramelton ...	Dr. Mary Doyle	Mrs. D. Wren	36,044	4,381
Rathmullan ...	Dr. W. J. Sheridan (temporary)	Mrs. E. J. McMonagle	24,536	2,924
Rosguill ...	Dr. C. Boyle	Mrs. M. E. Crumlish	19,597	1,805
Stranorlar ...	Dr. J. MacCloskey	Miss B. Deeney	11,883	3,642
Tanatalton ...	Dr. J. Gormley	Mrs. B. Kelly	30,462	1,960
	Dr. E. F. O'Sullivan	Mrs. C. Kelly	33,982	3,793
		Mrs. B. B. McGinley.		
		Mrs. B. M. Doherty		

PART II.

Annual Report

OF THE

County Medical Officer of Health,
County Donegal

ON THE

County School Medical Service

YEAR 1947.

Total Number of Schools in the County ...	...	387
Total School Population ...	...	23,159
(1937 figures).		

EYES.

The following report was kindly supplied by Dr. G. O'Donnell, County Ophthalmic Surgeon :—

During the year 1947, I examined 800 children with defective vision. The attendances were very good.

There were no cases of Trachoma amongst the children.

Eye Diseases and conditions encountered amongst the children during 1947 were :—

Albinism	...	...	...	...	3
Blepharitis	...	...	...	...	12
Cataract (Congenital)	...	...	...	...	6
Cataract (Traumatic)	...	...	...	...	2
Choroiditis	...	...	...	...	3
Chalazion	...	...	...	...	1
Corneal Ulcer	...	...	...	...	2
Conjunctivitis	...	...	...	...	3
Conjunctivitis (Angular)	...	...	...	...	2
Ectropion	...	...	...	...	1
Conical Cornea plus Opacity	...	...	...	...	1
Chronic Irido-cyclitis	...	...	...	...	1
High Myopia	...	...	...	...	26
Keratitis	...	...	...	...	1
Nystagmus	...	...	...	...	5
Opacity in Lens	...	...	...	...	1
Optic Atrophy	...	...	...	...	1
Ptosis 3rd Nerve	...	...	...	...	9
Strabismus	...	...	...	...	123
Stenosis Lacrymal Duct	...	...	...	...	2
Retinitis Pigmentosa	...	...	...	...	1
Traumatic Mydriasis	...	...	...	...	1

TEETH.

The following reports have been submitted :—

REPORT OF MR. J. R. KELLY, B.D.S.

During the year 1947, Dental Clinics were held in nineteen Dispensary Districts. Of the 829 children recommended for dental treatment approximately 65% attended and were treated. As in former years, attendance was reasonably good but absenteeism is still a source of worry. Until parents become "tooth-conscious" (only achieved through intense propaganda—films and charts) one may not expect the children to attend in greater numbers.

Often where cases of supernumerary teeth are referred to the clinic one is disappointed to find advanced gingivitis too. The teeth are quite good and this gum trouble could have been overcome easily with a little attention in the home. One cannot be too severe with country parents—the Nation as a whole is very backward in dental hygiene.

National Health Insurance Benefits are again available to adults after being in abeyance for over a year. Those who avail of it gain a certain amount of dental education which is bound to react favourably on the care given the children's teeth in the home. However, one cannot expect too much until the opportune time arrives to work the whole school dental problem in a more satisfactory way.

REPORT OF MR. G. O'LEARY, L.D.S.

Number of Children called	...	...	624
Number Attended	...	...	414
Number Treated	...	...	403
Number who Failed to Attend	...	...	210

School Dental Clinics are well attended and parents are becoming more "teeth conscious" in regard to their children, and they seem to appreciate the importance of sound teeth in maintaining good health

There are a certain number of refusals. Either the parent refuses consent, or the parent consents and the child refuses and nothing can be done in these cases because, owing to a complete lack of parental control, the child does exactly what he or she pleases. On the other hand children spontaneously ask if they need dental treatment and are anxious to have it carried out.

TUBERCULOSIS.

The following fresh cases were discovered in 1947 :—
Non-Pulmonary :

Cervical Adenitis	...	...	...	1
Ankle-joint	...	...	...	1
Tabes Mesenterica	...	...	...	3

Two of the three cases of Tabes Mesenterica are on the list for treatment in Dublin. The parents of the third child have refused treatment.

The ankle-joint condition is now quiescent, but the child is under treatment for Blepharitis.

Pulmonary.

Observation (mainly contacts)	12
Definite pulmonary tuberculosis	1

The last-mentioned case showed enlarged glands at the root of the lungs. He has progressed favourably at home and is again attending school.

Only five of the observation cases attended for X-Ray when requested to do so. In no case were there any active lesions. Three showed healed primary infection.

HEART DISEASE AND RHEUMATISM.

Examination of the school-cards revealed that out of a total of 5,793 children examined in 1947, 38 are noted as having cardiac conditions. On further scrutiny of these, it was concluded that probably only 14 were definite cases of heart disease. They were classified as follows :—

Mitral Disease	9
Congenital	3
Post-Diphtheritic	2

In only three of the cases of Mitral Disease could a history of Rheumatism be elicited.

The above figures give a total incidence of heart disease of 2.4 per 1,000. There are as yet no convenient facilities for specialist examination of these children.

SCHOOL MEALS.**COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT.**

During the year 1947, a sum of £2,779 7s. 6d. was spent by the Donegal County Council in providing meals for children attending 106 schools in the scheduled Gaeltacht area.

LETTERKENNY URBAN DISTRICT.

The monthly average of meals supplied during the period April, 1947, to March, 1948, was 498. The meal consists of bread, jam and cocoa-milk-sugar compound.

BUNDORAN URBAN DISTRICT.

There is a Committee in charge, comprised of Very Rev. D. Canon McGrath, P.P.; Edward Daly, Esq.; Councillors F. O'Gorman, Joseph O'Doherty and James O'Doherty. The Council provided a school meals' Superintendent to dispense the meals. Average daily attendance, 45. Meals consist of bread, butter and cocoa, milk and sugar compound.

BALLYSHANNON URBAN DISTRICT.

During the year 1947, 10,946 meals were served to the following schools by the Ballyshannon Town Commissioners: Convent of Mercy N.S., 4,248; St. Joseph's N.S., 4,728; Carrickboy N.S., 1,970. Total cost: £172 18s. 11d.

Meals consist of bread and butter, with, during summer months, milk, and in winter a hot drink of cocoa, sugar and milk compound. For this purpose it was necessary to instal an electric urn for cooking in St. Joseph's N.S. School Meals Superintendents are employed by the Commissioners to dispense the meals.

BUNCRANA URBAN DISTRICT.

No Scheme was in operation in the Buncrana Urban District during the year 1947.

Last year the unsatisfactory administration of the School Meals Scheme was commented on in my report.

Arising out of a report on Inishboffin Island National School, the following report was submitted to the County Council on the 23rd January, 1947 :—

"The whole question of school meals would need to be dealt with on a national basis, in my opinion, if they are to be successfully oriented. It would not be unreasonable to request the appointment of a National Commission to deal with the whole matter fairly exhaustively.

"In practically all the schools there is no suitable place for serving the meals, with the result that the schoolrooms are littered with bread-crumbs after a meal. Where elder pupils are pressed into the service, they are apt to cut their hands when slicing bread, and their parents are not pleased, to say the least of it. Furthermore, the teachers are not very willing to give up a large portion of their own short lunch hour to supervision and distribution of school meals. In any case, it does not seem fair to ask them to do so. The grant is so small in most areas that it would only last about two months if butter was supplied. When butter has occasionally been supplied, it was difficult to spread in cold weather, and therefore took up extra time to prepare it. Where cocoa mixture has been approved it has been supplied in paper receptacles, with the result that it has become hard and caked, and thus difficult to manipulate. It should be supplied in air-tight tins.

Dry bread as the sole constituent of a school meal is obviously absurd, and I recommend that for Inishboffin School a proper meal be provided in some convenient premises, with cocoa mixture, wholemeal bread and butter, a piece of cheese and an apple or an orange or a raw carrot (I assume that with present difficulties of supply it is not feasible to supply milk). It will be obvious from the foregoing that the present grant is quite inadequate to allow for a proper school meal, and the same holds for many schools in County Donegal. It would appear that the main difficulty in the provision of adequate school meals boils down to a question of finance, and the sooner this is realised by all concerned, the sooner will the matter of school meals be debated on a rational basis."

SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Of the 184 Schools examined during the year, 156 were adversely reported on :—

AUGHNAHOO (PETTIGO) : School previously condemned. New school urgently required.

ARDLAGHAN (CLOGHAN) : No sanitary accommodation. No cloakroom or playground. No water supply. New school being built at present.

ALTAGHADERRY (KILLEA) : Playground slopes towards earth closets. A pool of surface water collects at entrance to closets. This area of playground would need to be gravelled. Water supply not satisfactory for drinking. Wash-hand basins not available.

AGHADAHOR (ROSGUILL) : Earth closets in very bad repair. Playground space inadequate. No water for drinking. Wash-hand basins not available.

ARDFARNA (BALLYSHANNON) : Playground too damp. Turf house needed.

BALLINAKILLEW (LAGHEY) : School room too dark—larger windows needed. Crooks needed for cloak room. Second fire required. Lavatory wall needs repairs, and one door required. School walls need painting and repair.

BALLYMAGROARTY (BALLINTRA) : Playground too small. Lavatories need repairs. Two teachers in one room—partition needed. Front door and two windows need repairs. Cloak room too small.

BALLYHOLEY (MANORCUNNINGHAM) : Playground surface very bad—one must plough through mud to reach the boys' closet. Playground surface should be drained and gravelled. No lavatory basins available.

BALLYKERRIGAN (Cloghan) : School previously condemned. Arrangements are under way to provide a new school.

BARKHALL (LETTERKENNY) : Playground surface near entrance to boys' water-closet bad. This area should be gravelled.

BALLEIGHAN (MANORCUNNINGHAM) : Two teachers in one room. Cloakroom inadequate. Water supply not satisfactory for drinking. Wash-hand basins not available.

BUNANINVER (CROSS ROADS BUNBEG): Water supply not satisfactory for drinking. Wash-hand basins not available. Pegs missing from cloakroom.

BALLINAMORE (DOOCHARY): Playground space too small.

BEHEY (BALLYSHANNON): Plaster falling off ceiling.

BALLYSHANNON CONVENT (BALLYSHANNON): Extra lavatory accommodation urgently required. Cloakroom and playground much too small. Covered shelter required. All playground should be levelled.

BALLYBOES (CROSS ROADS—T'ALCARRAGH).—Water supply for drinking not satisfactory. Wash-hand basins not available.

BALLYSHANNON (St. Joseph's): Covered shelter needed.

BIRDSTOWN (KILDERRY): No water supply for drinking. Wash-hand basins not available.

BALLYHARRY (MOVILLE): Water supply not satisfactory for drinking. Wash-hand basins not available.

BUNDORAN BOYS' (BALLYSHANNON): Lighting of both class-rooms and heating of large class room inadequate. Cloakroom too small. Playground too small and too damp. Playground wall needs repairs. Lavatories need repairs.

BALLYSAGGART (DUNKINEELY): Heating and lighting inadequate. Distemper stripping off walls.

BREDAGH GLEN (MOVILLE): Water supply not satisfactory for drinking. Wash-hand basins not available.

BRUCKLESS (DUNKINEELY): Lavatories in urgent need of repair and of cleaning. Playground too damp and surface uneven.

CLOUGHROE (STRANORLAR): Premises unsuitable for school—new school required. No cloak room. Steps up to school very uneven. Walls need plastering. Playground not enclosed and is damp.

CORRADOEY (STRANORLAR): No playground or cloak room. No turf-house. More windows needed.

CAVANGARDEN (BALLINTRA): New lavatories required. Extra window needed in school.

CARRICKNAHORN No. 1 (BALLINTRA): No cloakroom.

CARRICKNAHORNA NO. 2 (BALLINTRA): Second fire needed. Doors needed for lavatories. Walls of school need painting. Lock of school gate broken.

CULDAFF (MALIN): Door of boys' closet to be repaired.

COMMEEN (CLOGHAN): School previously condemned; new school being built.

CASHEL NO. 2 (FANAD): Playground space inadequate. Water supply not satisfactory for drinking. Wash-hand basins not available.

CROAGHROSS (FANAD): Water supply not satisfactory for drinking. Wash-hand basins not available.

CLOGHER (GLENTIES): Playground surface too rough, and space inadequate. Drinking-water not convenient to school.

COOLE (ROSGUILL): Water supply not satisfactory for drinking. Wash-hand basins not available.

CORROVADDY (LETTERKENNY) No playground. Earth closets in bad repair and waste seeps into a nearby stream. School-buildings old, walls cracked and chipped. No cloak room. Water supply not satisfactory for drinking. Wash-hand basins not available.

CROAGHS (GLENTIES): New closets required. Playground too small and surface too rough. Cloak room required. Floor needs repairs and walls need plastering. New school-room door required. Heating inadequate.

CNOCFOLA (CROSS ROADS—BUNBEG): Water supply not satisfactory for drinking. No wash-hand basins available.

COOLMORE (BALLYSHANNON): Two teachers in one room—partition required. Playground too small. Stream at end of playground should be fenced off. No cloak room.

CARRIGANS (KILLEA): Closets badly in need of repair. No cloak room. No water supply. No wash-hand basins. Playground overgrown with briars. Briars blocking entrance to one of the earth closets, should be cleared away.

CARROWAN (KILLEA): Water supply not satisfactory for drinking. Wash-hand basins not available.

CREEVY (BALLYSHANNON): No water supply on premises. Tank for rain-water should be installed.

CARRICKBOY (BALLYSHANNON) : Heating in rooms inadequate. Playground too small. Cloak room too small.

CARROWREAGH (KILLEA) : Water-supply not satisfactory for drinking. Wash-hand basins not available.

CRANFORD (ROSGUILL) : No water supply for drinking.

CARROWMENA (MOVILLE) : Wash-hand basins not available.

CASHELARD (BALLYSHANNON) : Walls of school damp—Plaster falling off walls. One gable needs repairs.

CASTLECARY (MOVILLE) : Water supply not satisfactory for drinking. Wash-hand basins not available.

CLARE (MOVILLE) : Water supply not satisfactory for drinking. Wash-hand basins not available.

CLUNELLY (MOVILLE) : Water supply not satisfactory for drinking.

COOLEY (MOVILLE) : No water supply for drinking. Wash-hand basins not available.

CALHAME (DUNKINEELY) : Ventilation unsuitable. No drinking water convenient to school. Lavatories in urgent need of repair. Wash-hand basins required. Playground too damp.

CARRICKMAQUIGLEY (MOVILLE) : Water supply not satisfactory for drinking. Wash-hand basins not available.

CARROWKEEL (MOVILLE) : Water supply not satisfactory for drinking. Wash-hand basins not available.

CARROWMORE (CARNDONAGH) : Water supply not satisfactory for drinking. Wash-hand basins not available.

CROAGHS (DUNKINEELY) : Both gables need extensive repairs—pebble dashing fell off gables and brickwork is loose and in dangerous condition. Plaster falling off ceiling. School draughty. Lavatories need repairs. No cloak room. Playground too damp and space inadequate. (Special report sent in previously).

DRUMNAHOUL (LAGHEY) : Slates needed for roof. One lavatory door needs repair.

DERRIES (BALLINTRIA) : Playground and cloak room too small. Turf-house needed.

DOOISH (CLOGHAN) : Playground too damp.

DERRYHENNY (DOOCHARY) : School previously condemned. Windows do not open. Playground and lavatory inadequate. Cloakroom too small.

DOAGHBEG (FANAD) : Corrugated iron roof on closets in need of repair. Water supply not satisfactory for drinking. Lavatory basins not available.

DERRYBEG BOYS' (CROSS ROADS—BUNBEG) : Large pool of water (10 yards \times 8 yards) in playground—requires to be drained properly. Urinal drain stuffed—requires cleaning. Water supply not satisfactory for drinking. Wash-hand basins not available.

DERRYLOUGHAN (GLENTIES) : Surface of playground uneven and rocky, and space inadequate. General repairs are to be carried out in the immediate future.

DORE (CROSS ROADS—BUNBEG) : Wash-hand basins not available.

DRUMFAD (FANAD) : Water supply not satisfactory for drinking. Wash-hand basins not available.

DRUMNACROISE (ARDARA) : Sanitary accommodation not adequate or suitable. Ventilation not suitable. Lighting inadequate. Converted private house being used as temporary school. New school required.

DUNLEWEY (CROSS ROADS—BUNBEG) : Drain in boys' urinal stuffed. Both gable-end walls damp. Water supply not satisfactory for drinking. Wash-hand basins not available.

DALLAIN FORGAILL (ARDARA) : Window cords broken. Playground wall and gate pillar have not been repaired since last report.

DOOCHARY (DOOCHARY) : Playground too damp—needs draining. One fire-place smoking.

DROMOGHILL (MANORCUNNINGHAM) : Water supply not satisfactory for drinking. Wash-hand basins not available.

DERRYBEG GIRLS' (CROSS ROADS—BUNBEG) : Water supply not satisfactory for drinking. Wash-hand basins not available.

DRUMAWEIR (MOVILLE) : Water supply not satisfactory for drinking. Wash-hand basins not available.

DRISTERAN (CARNDONAGH) : Playground rather muddy in places. Water supply not satisfactory for drinking. Wash-hand basins not available. The ground near entrance to boys' closet is very muddy—it should be gravelled.

DRUNG (MOVILLE): Water-supply not satisfactory for drinking. Wash-hand basins not available.

DUNKINEELY (DUNKINEELY): Small class room overcrowded. No separate exit from it. Heating in large class room inadequate. No cloak room. Playground damp.

EDENINFAGH (GLENTIES): Surface of playground very uneven.

FOUR MASTERS' (LAGHEY): Walls need to be distempered.

FANAD (FANAD): Water supply not satisfactory for drinking. Wash hand basins not available.

FINTRA (KILLYBEGS): Playground too damp. Playground wall needs repairs.

FINNER (BALLYSHANNON): Playground too small. Lighting not adequate—plain glass windows desirable.

GOOREY (MALIN): No playground.

GLENLEIGHAN (DOOCHARY): Surface of playground too rough. Walls of class room need distempering.

GLENTIES BOYS' (GLENTIES): Two teachers in one room—extra class room needed. School should be connected to town water and sewerage schemes. Cloak room too small. Playground too small and surface rough.

GLEN (ROSGUILL): Water supply not satisfactory for drinking. Wash-hand basins not available.

GRAFFY (GLENTIES): Water supply for drinking not convenient to school. Two teachers in one room—partition needed. Cloak room and turf house needed. Playground too rough and not enclosed.

GLENTIES CONVENT (GLENTIES): Sanitary accommodation not adequate or suitable. Flush closets connected with town sewerage should be installed and drinking-water laid on. Trees need to be cut. Playground too damp.

GOLA ISLAND (CROSS ROADS—EUNBEG): Water supply not satisfactory for drinking. Wash-hand basins not available.

GORT (KILDERRY): No water supply. Wash-hand basins not available.

GLENMAQUIN NO. 1 (MANORCUNNINGHAM): School premises definitely unsuitable. Floor boards rotten. Roof leaking at one

corner of school. Wall cracked right through in one place. Lighting inadequate. Desks antiquated. No playground. No water supply for drinking.

GLENMAQUINN No. 2 (MANORCUNNINGHAM): No cloak room nor playground. Water supply not satisfactory for drinking. Wash-hand basins not available.

GLENAGIVNEY (MOVILLE): Water supply not satisfactory for drinking. Wash-hand basins not available.

GROUSEHALL (CARNDONAGH): Water supply not satisfactory for drinking. Wash-hand basins not available.

ILLISTRIN No. 1 (LETTERKENNY): No cloak room.

INNISMEANE ISLAND (CROSS ROADS—BUNBEG): School too small—no cloak room. Windows small—ventilation bad. No playground. No water supply. Wash-hand basins not available.

INCH ISLAND (KILDERRY): Water supply not satisfactory for drinking. Wash-hand basins not available.

KILMACRENAN No. 1 (KILMACRENAN AND MILFORD): No cloak-room.

KERRYKEEL (FANAD): School condemned. New school to be built. Site procured.

KINGARROW (DOOCHARY): Playground too small and surface too rough. Closets need repairs. Second fire needed.

KILKENNY (GLENTIES): Playground too small.

KNOCKASTOLER (CROSS ROADS—BUNBEG): Closets, especially those on the boys' side, in filthy condition. Water supply not satisfactory for drinking. Wash-hand basins not available.

KNOCKLETRAGH (GLENTIES): No playground and no cloak room. One gable damp.

KILBARRON (BALLYSHANNON): Two teachers in one room—partition desirable. No playground.

KILLAGHTEE (DUNKINEELY): Crooks required for cloak room. Lavatory door needs repairs. Playground too small and damp. No boundary wall at back. Lighting inadequate in class room—trees interfering with lighting.

LAGHEY (LAGHEY): School overcrowded. Existing lavatories unsuitable. Playground too rough. Two teachers in one room—partition needed. More crooks required for cloak room.

LAGHEY BAR (LAGHEY) : Fire in junior room smoking very badly and needs immediate attention.

LISINISK (STRANORLAR) : Doors needed for closet. Present fireplace inadequate.

LETTERBRICK (CLOGHAN) : Walls cracked. Plaster falling off walls in both school rooms. Cloak rooms damp—roof leaking badly. No drinking-water convenient to school.

LETTERSHAMBO (CLOGHAN) : Walls damp. Playground rough, and playground wall needs to be rebuilt. School slightly overcrowded. Heating inadequate. Lighting inadequate. Not clean. No water supply convenient to school.

LETTERKENNY ROBERTSON (LETTERKENNY) : No cloak room—pegs at end of large class room. No wash-hand basins.

LOUGH MUCK (DOOCHARY) : Lavatories need repairs. Playground wall should be built. Fire smokes badly at times.

LURGYBRACK (MANORCUNNINGHAM) : Lavatory basins not available.

LUNNIAGH (CROSS ROADS—BUNBEG) : Water supply not satisfactory for drinking.

LETTERMACAWARD (DOOCHARY) : Playground too small.

LOUGHILL (BALLYSHANNON) : School previously condemned. New school being built in immediate future. Lavatories flooded.

MALIN HEAD (MALIN) : Cloak room too small. Playground too small.

MILFORD CATHOLIC (KILMACRENAN AND MILFORD) : Cloak room too small. Playground too small. Three teachers and only two rooms.

MALIN (MALIN) : Playground not suitable.

MEENCARRIGAGH (CLOGHAN) : Playground and cloakroom too small. Two teachers in one room—partition required. Fireplace too small.

MEENAGOWAN (DOOCHARY) : Playground too small and too damp. No outlet for roof water. Surface too rough.

MONREAGH (KILLEA) : Boys' closet in very bad state of repair. Additional pegs required in cloak room. No playground. Wash-hand basins not available.

MULROY (ROSGUILL) : Playground space inadequate. Water supply not satisfactory for drinking. Wash-hand basins not available. No door on boys' earth closet.

MUCKROSS (KILLYBEGS) : Walls need to be plastered. Closets need repairs. Wash-hand basins required. No playground.

MULLANMORE (GLENTIES) : Lavatories situated too close to school and owing to slope of ground are in a very unsuitable position—new lavatories needed. Plaster falling off walls. Walls need to be lime-washed.

MEENTINADEA (ARDARA) : Walls need distempering.

MEENACLADDY (CROSS ROADS—BUNBEG) : Plaster is falling off at gable end of one class room due to wall damp. Water supply not satisfactory for drinking. Wash-hand basins not available.

MANORVAUGHAN (ROSGUILL) : Heating inadequate. Lighting very bad—windows small. No water supply. Wash-hand basins not available.

MONESS (KILLEA) : Playground overgrown with briars and nettles. Entrance to boys' closet partly blocked with briars. Closets need cleaning. No water supply. Wash-hand basins not available.

MOVILLE (ST. COLUMB'S), (MOVILLE) : Wash-hand basins not available.

MOVILLE BOYS' (MOVILLE) : School-building generally defective. New school to be opened in January, 1948.

NAOMH MHUIRE, BRIDGEND (KILDERRY) : School overcrowded. Water collects on floor of girls' closet—floor should be sloped so as to drain properly. Water supply not satisfactory for drinking. Wash-hand basins not available.

NIALL MOR (KILLYBEGS) : Playground too small and too damp. Water closets, connected with town sewerage, should be installed. Wash-hand basins needed.

NEWTOWN-CUNNINGHAM CATHOLIC (KILLEA) : Water supply not satisfactory for drinking. Wash-hand basins not available.

PETTIGO (PETTIGO) : Playground too small. Installation of water closets desirable when sewerage system is available.

ROSNOWLAGH (BALLINTRA) : Playground too small and surface too rough. Heating inadequate. Closet door needs repairs.

RAY (MANORCUNNINGHAM) : No playground, Wash-hand basins not available.

ROSHINE (KILLYBEGS) : Spouting has fallen off roof and hence there is no water in the tank. Playground too damp.

RAY (CROSSROADS-FA'LCARRAGH) : Water supply not satisfactory for drinking. Wash-hand basins not available.

ROCKFIELD (BALLYSHANNON) : Conerete path in playground needs repairs. Playground too damp.

ST. ERNAN'S (LAGHEY) : Drain from urinal bloeked—no change since last inspection. Playground rough and dangerous—should be levelled.

ST. EUNAN'S (LETTERKENNY) : Water-closets of an antiquated type and in bad repair. Playground muddy. No cloak room and no provision whatever for hanging wet clothes.

SHANNAGH (LAGHEY) : Windows need to be repaired—cords and pulleys needed. Playground too small. Cloak room needed. Closets too near school.

SHROVE (MOVILLE) : Playground too small. Water supply for drinking not satisfactory. Wash-hand basins not available.

SWANZY MEMORIAL (MOVILLE) : Water supply not satisfactory for drinking. Wash-hand basins not available.

TULLYNAUGHT (LAGHEY) : Playground damp in winter. More crooks required for cloak room. Covered shelter needed.

TERMON (KILMACRENAN AND MILFORD) : Sanitary aecommodation defective. Cloak room too small. Playground inadequate and unsuitable. Infants' room damp, with plaster falling off, and inadequate lighting. Plaster falling in spots and dangerous for children.

TAMLAGHT (PETTIGO) : Roof of lavatory needs repair. Second fire-place needed. Two teachers in one room—partition needed. Walls damp.

TAMNEY (FA'NAD) : Closets for boys require repairs.

TAMNEY ROBERTSON (FA'NAD) : No eloak room or playground.

TREAN CAOL (CLOGHAN) : Gables damp.

TULLYMORE (GLENTIES) : Water supply not convenient to school. Playground too damp. Lavatories unsuitable. One gable very damp and badly needs repairs. Plaster falling off walls. Cloak room too small. Turf house needed.

THORR (CROSS ROADS—BUNBEG) : More pegs needed in cloak room. Water supply not satisfactory for drinking. Wash-hand basins not available.

TORY ISLAND (CROSS ROADS—BUNBEG) : No cloak room. No water supply. Wash-hand basins not available.

TOOBAN (ST. MURA'S), (KILDERRY). Water supply not satisfactory for drinking. Wash-hand basins not available.

URBALS (DUNKINEELY) : Playground damp. Lighting inadequate.

WOODLANDS (LETTERKENNY) : School overcrowded. Two teachers in one room. Playground too small and surface bad. No cloakroom. Lavatory basins not available. No satisfactory supply of water.

WELSHTOWN (CLOGHAN) : Playground too small. One window broken.

WHITECASTLE (MOVILLE) : Water supply not satisfactory for drinking. Wash-hand basins not available.

TABLE A.

Showing Total Number of Children Inspected during the year 1947, Grouped according to the Dispensary Districts, and the Attendances of Parents at the actual Inspections.

Dispensary District.	No. on Roll.	Total Number Inspected.	First Inspection.	Second Inspection.	No. whose Parents Present.	No. who Refused Inspection.
Ardara	128	121	45	76	112	—
Dallain Forgaill ...	52	49	13	33	46	—
Kiltoorish ...	35	33	9	24	27	—
Meentinadea ...	41	39	20	19	39	—
Ballintra	117	36	16	20	16	33
Ballymagroarty ...	30	4	3	1	4	16
Carricknahorna No. 1	10	—	—	—	—	—
Carricknahorna No. 2	20	15	6	9	2	2
Cavangarden ...	23	8	4	4	8	7
Derries ...	13	6	1	5	—	1
Rossnowlagh ...	21	3	2	1	2	7
Ballyshannon ...	1,147	765	374	391	598	237
Ardfarna ...	36	31	16	15	26	—
Ballyshannon Convent	330	201	114	87	175	90
Behey ...	25	16	9	7	12	—
Bundoran Boys' ...	59	35	10	25	21	12
Bundoran Convent ...	202	129	63	66	118	57
Carrickboy Girls' ...	53	31	15	16	27	14
Cashelard ...	32	27	12	15	15	—
Coolmore ...	33	24	9	15	20	2
Creevy ...	55	49	19	30	24	—
Finner ...	18	16	8	8	5	—
Kilbarron ...	45	35	18	17	7	—
Loughill ...	18	13	10	3	3	5
Naomh Seosaimh ...	213	131	61	70	127	57
Rockfield ...	28	27	10	17	18	—
Carndonagh ...	149	103	55	48	32	14
Carrowmore ...	61	32	21	11	22	14
Dristeran ...	74	65	29	36	9	—
Gronsehall ...	14	6	5	1	1	—
Cloghan ...	411	182	59	123	122	104
Ardlaghan ...	24	6	2	4	4	9
Ballykerrigan ...	69	14	6	8	10	20
Brockagh ...	37	24	6	18	21	3
Commeen ...	52	35	11	24	18	10
Dooish ...	58	36	15	21	22	10
Letterbrick ...	39	12	3	9	12	10
Lettershambo ...	18	10	4	6	10	—
Meencarrigagh ...	38	10	3	7	9	3
Trean Caoil ...	47	27	4	23	14	20
Welshtown ...	29	8	5	3	2	19
Cross Roads (Falcarragh)	140	100	43	57	57	10
Ballyboes ...	130	98	43	55	57	4
Ray ...	10	2	—	2	—	6

TABLE A—(continued).

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Cross Roads (Bunbeg) ...	989	710	398	312	440	124
Bun an Inbhir ...	100	78	32	46	37	11
Dunlewy ...	56	45	19	26	43	—
Gola Island ...	20	20	20	—	17	—
Inismeane Island ...	18	17	17	—	14	1
Knockastolar ...	154	97	52	45	69	33
Lunniagh ...	115	99	50	49	40	5
Meenacaddy ...	117	69	47	22	23	44
Sgoil Mhuire (B.) Derrybeg ...	86	52	24	28	46	6
Sgoil Mhuire (G.) (Derrybeg) ...	89	57	18	39	37	2
Sgoil Columcille, Knock- fola ...	74	41	23	18	1	21
Sgoil Padraig, Dore ...	72	63	42	21	51	1
Thorr ...	54	42	24	18	35	—
Tory Island ...	34	30	30	—	27	—
Doochary :	380	206	84	122	178	83
Ballinamore ...	51	25	18	7	15	23
Derryhenry ...	43	20	6	14	18	—
Doochary ...	54	12	7	5	12	18
Doocy ...	42	29	6	23	24	7
Glenleigh ...	17	13	—	13	6	3
Kingarrow ...	27	16	7	9	12	—
Lettermacaward ...	48	32	15	17	32	12
Loch Muc ...	14	9	6	3	9	2
Meenagowan ...	60	29	10	19	29	18
Shalligans ...	24	21	9	12	21	—
Dunkineely ...	283	178	98	80	138	53
Ballysaggart ...	32	22	7	15	18	10
Bruckless ...	39	25	15	10	17	11
Calhame ...	24	22	13	9	14	—
Croaghs ...	48	16	8	8	10	16
Dunkineely ...	64	33	23	10	30	15
Killaghtee ...	26	23	14	9	23	—
Sgoil Naile Naomhtha, Legain ...	41	30	13	17	21	1
Urbal ...	9	7	5	2	5	—
Fanad ...	531	245	70	175	40	45
Ballymichael ...	58	34	7	27	—	—
Cashel ...	76	54	8	46	15	7
Croaghross ...	40	19	14	5	6	5
Drumfad ...	33	23	12	11	7	1
Fanad ...	18	10	4	6	3	4
Kerrykeel ...	51	21	11	10	4	—
Leatbeg ...	21	1	—	1	1	5
Naoinh Brighde, Bally- lar ...	48	25	1	24	2	—
Sgoil Padraig Naomhtha, Doaghbeg ...	47	8	2	6	—	15
St. Davadogg's, Tamney	68	11	1	10	—	8
Tamney Robertson ...	23	15	4	11	—	—
St. Columba's Bally- heerin ...	48	24	6	18	2	—

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Glenties	448	324	160	164	266	50
Clogher... ..	39	26	8	18	20	2
Croaghs	21	11	3	8	10	—
Derryloughan	31	33	16	17	27	—
Drumnacroise	20	14	4	10	12	—
Edeninfagh	45	17	9	8	15	24
Glenties Boys'	54	39	21	18	24	3
Glenties Convent	83	59	42	17	50	14
Graffy	44	35	16	19	30	—
Kilkenny	53	37	20	17	32	7
Knockletragh	16	16	3	13	16	—
Mullanmore	21	21	11	10	18	—
Tullymore	21	16	7	9	12	—
Kilderry	356	214	101	113	55	13
Birdstown	79	48	20	28	4	2
Bridgend	90	77	36	41	14	7
Gort	17	6	4	2	4	4
Inch Island	67	31	15	16	25	—
Tooban... ..	103	52	26	26	8	—
Killea	552	302	144	158	70	71
Altagherry	125	88	44	44	13	—
Carrigans	26	14	9	5	4	—
Carrowan	78	26	14	12	3	17
Carrowreagh	17	9	7	2	7	—
Cross Roads	30	19	7	12	3	—
Moness	78	55	24	31	—	—
Monreagh	48	22	13	9	1	—
Newtowncunningham						
(C.)	128	58	22	36	33	54
The Castle	22	11	4	7	6	—
Killybegs	273	183	90	93	153	45
Commons	57	23	12	11	20	22
Fintra	39	29	9	20	17	5
Muckross	14	9	8	1	7	4
Niall Mor	129	94	50	44	86	12
Sgoil Roisin	13	13	1	12	8	—
Shalvey	21	15	10	5	15	2
Kilmacrenan and Milford	434	245	92	153	74	8
Carrownaganonagh	55	35	13	22	17	—
Kilmacrenan No. 1	19	15	9	6	—	—
Milford (Catholic)	111	59	22	37	18	8
Milford (Mixed)	26	14	4	10	6	—
Portlean	13	3	2	1	—	—
St. Columba's, Kilma-						
crenan	95	66	25	41	30	—
Termon	115	53	17	36	3	—
Laghey	379	218	98	120	156	64
Ballinakillew	28	16	5	11	14	2
Ballintra Robertson	34	12	5	7	6	1
Drumnahoul	27	2	—	2	—	15
Four Masters'	34	25	11	14	15	—

TABLE A—(continued).

Dispensary District.	No. on Roll.	Total Number Inspected.	First Inspection.	Second Inspection.	No. whose Parents Present.	No. who Refused Inspection.
Laghey (Continued)						
Laghey	74	37	22	15	30	3
Laghey Bar	48	50	16	34	31	—
St. Eruan's, Ballintra... ..	80	44	22	22	30	31
Shannagh	25	19	11	8	19	4
Tullynaught	29	13	6	7	11	8
Letterkenny						
Letterkenny	776	410	179	231	159	46
Barkhall	49	16	5	11	4	10
Corrovaddy	44	29	12	17	3	6
Illistriu No. 1	38	18	9	9	—	2
Illustriu No. 2	15	—	—	—	—	7
Letterkenny, Robt.	37	17	8	9	7	8
Sgoil Clochar Columbcille	343	191	110	81	122	—
St. Ennan's Monastery	183	120	25	95	16	11
Woodlands	67	19	10	9	7	2
Malin						
Malin	579	244	77	167	19	54
Aughacloy	102	35	11	24	4	6
Culdaff	17	2	2	—	—	6
Goorey	14	—	—	—	—	12
Malin Head	88	18	8	10	2	18
Malin Town	23	8	1	7	—	—
Naomh Buadain	71	39	12	27	8	—
Sgoil Chuil Caonaigh	172	115	43	72	5	—
Sgoil an Iorbaill Riabhaigh	92	27	—	27	—	12
Manorcunningham						
Manorcunningham	439	238	110	128	69	30
Ballyholey	34	6	1	5	—	10
Balleighan	72	37	16	21	4	3
Drumoghill	154	106	38	68	27	—
Glenmaquin 1	22	17	13	4	—	1
Glenmaquin 2... ..	29	23	18	5	12	2
Ray	35	14	6	8	6	1
St. Patrick's, Lurgy-brack	93	35	18	17	20	13
Moville						
Moville	783	491	233	258	189	117
Bredagh Glen	20	17	2	15	10	—
Carrickmaquigley	33	16	7	9	4	3
Carrowkeel	27	11	3	8	2	—
Castleary	12	7	3	4	5	4
Clare	31	16	5	11	9	10
Clunelly	72	18	4	14	4	46
Cooley	41	29	13	16	7	—
Drung	55	32	13	19	5	11
Glenagivney	23	11	3	8	2	—
Moville Boys'	102	81	58	23	30	7
Moville Convent	110	67	36	31	30	26
Sgoil Naomh Ultain, Baile Charraighe	37	27	10	17	21	4
Sgoil Columcille, Druim a' Mhaoir	81	58	34	24	23	5
Sgoil Mhuire, Srubh	51	41	15	26	15	—
St. Patrick's, Carrowmenagh	38	26	10	16	11	—

TABLE A—(continued).

Dispensary District.	No. on Roll.	Total Number Inspected.	First Inspection.	Second Inspection.	No. whose Parents Present.	No. who Refused Inspection.
Moville (Continued)						
St. Columb's, Moville	18	17	9	8	11	—
Swanzy... ..	9	6	4	2	—	—
Whitecastle (or Cabry)	23	11	4	7	—	1
Pettigo	234	131	48	83	90	35
Aughnahoo	105	62	23	39	56	20
Gortnessy	18	5	2	3	—	9
Lettercran	40	24	7	17	18	—
Pettigo	24	21	7	14	8	1
Tamlaght	47	19	9	10	8	5
Rosguill	192	124	53	71	79	24
Aughadahor	31	16	4	12	8	6
Coole	29	19	9	10	15	3
Cranford	33	25	11	14	25	—
Glen	47	23	13	10	3	15
Manorvaughan	17	11	6	5	5	—
Mulroy	35	30	10	20	23	—
Stranorlar.	69	23	16	7	5	25
Cloughroe	34	16	10	6	3	11
Corradoey	16	1	—	1	—	15
Lisinisk	19	6	6	—	2	9
GRAND TOTAL ...	9,989	5,793	2,643	3,150	3,117	1,295

N.B.—The “ Number on Roll ” given in Table A refers to the schools which were actually inspected in a particular Dispensary District during the year 1947, and is not necessarily the total number of children on the School Rolls in such district.

TABLE B.

Showing the State of Children in matters of Clothing, Footgear and Cleanliness.

	Unsatisfactory.	Percentage.	Very Unsatisfactory.	Percentage.	Total.	Percentage.
Defective Clothing and Footgear	263	0.4	460	0.8	723	1.2
Uncleanliness	315	0.5	102	0.2	417	0.7

TABLE C.

Giving a Summary of the Defects Discovered during the Year 1947.

Defect or Disease.	Total.	Percent- age.	Marked Degree or for Treat- ment.	Percent- age.	Moderate Degree or for Observ- ation.	Percent- age.
Malnutrition	637	10.9	45	0.7	592	10.2
Ringworm of Body	5	—	—	—	—	—
Ringworm of Head	2	—	—	—	—	—
Impetigo	35	—	—	—	—	—
Scabies	169	—	—	—	—	—
Other Skin Diseases	38	—	—	—	—	—
Carious Teeth	2,769	47.7	1,977	34.1	792	13.6
Defective Vision	1,204	20.8	951	16.4	253	4.4
Squint	84	—	—	—	—	—
Other Eye Diseases	78	—	—	—	—	—
Hearing	5	—	—	—	—	—
Ear Diseases	20	—	—	—	—	—
Speech	11	—	—	—	—	—
Tonsils and Adenoids	1,085	18.7	782	13.4	303	5.3
Rhinitis	37	—	—	—	—	—
Cervical Glands	156	2.6	107	1.8	49	0.8
Submaxillary Glands	13	.02	8	.01	5	.01
Heart Disease (Functional)	27	—	—	—	—	—
Heart Disease (Organic)	84	—	—	—	—	—
Anaemia	55	.09	5	.01	50	.08
Bronchitis	61	—	—	—	—	—
Other Non-Tuberculous Lung Conditions	14	—	—	—	—	—
Definite Pulmonary Tuber- culosis	2	—	—	—	—	—
Suspected Pulmonary Tuberculosis	25	—	—	—	—	—
Surgical Tuberculosis	5	—	—	—	—	—
Rickets	30	—	—	—	—	—
Hernia	5	—	—	—	—	—
Nervous Diseases	13	—	—	—	—	—
Postural Defects	20	—	—	—	—	—
Deformities	51	—	—	—	—	—
Mental Condition	19	.03	8	.01	11	.02
Other Diseases or Defects	44	—	—	—	—	—

TABLE D.

Showing the Number of Children Unvaccinated According to
Dispensary Districts.

Dispensary District.				Number Inspected.	Number Unvaccinated.
Ardara	...	...	...	121	3
Ballintra	...	...	...	36	6
Ballyshannon	...	...	...	765	61
Carndonagh	...	...	...	103	15
Cloghan	...	...	...	182	9
Cross Roads (Dalcarragh)	...	...	...	100	8
Cross Roads (Bunbeg)	...	...	...	710	94
Doochary	...	...	...	206	14
Dunkineely	...	...	...	178	12
Fanad	...	...	...	245	11
Glenties	...	...	...	324	—
Kilderry	...	...	...	214	51
Killea	...	...	...	302	77
Killybegs	...	...	...	183	20
Kilmacrenan and Milford	...	...	...	245	24
Laghey	...	...	...	218	14
Letterkenny	...	...	...	410	65
Malin	...	...	...	244	11
Manorcunningham	...	...	...	238	49
Moville	...	...	...	491	57
Pettigo	...	...	...	131	8
Rosguill	...	...	...	124	15
Stranorlar	...	...	...	23	5
Total				5,793	629

TABLE E.

**Classification of Certain Diseases and Defects found During School
Medical Inspection in the Year 1947.**

Skin Diseases.				Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.			
Acne	...	...	3	Tabes Mesenterica	...	...	1
Alopecia Areata	...	...	1	Tuberculosis of Bone	...	...	2
Birthmarks	...	...	4	Tuberculosis of Glands	...	...	1
Burn Scars	...	...	3	Tuberculosis of Joints	...	...	1
Dermatitis	...	...	1				—
Eczema	...	...	5				5
Furunculosis	...	...	8				—
Herpes Zoster	...	...	1				.
Ichthyosis	...	...	1	Nervous Diseases.			
Impetigo	...	...	35	Chorea	...	...	1
Moles	...	...	3	Epilepsy	...	...	2
Psoriasis	...	...	2	Headache	...	...	2
Ringworm of Body	...	...	6	Nocturnal Enuresis	...	...	7
Ringworm of Head	...	...	2	Petit Mal	...	...	1
Scabies	...	...	169				—
Septic Spots on legs	...	...	2				13
Warts	...	...	4				—
			—				
			250	Deformities.			
			—	Birth Palsy	...	...	1
Eye Diseases.				Cleft Palate	...	...	3
Blepharitis	...	...	48	Congenital Deformities	...	...	2
Conjunctivitis	...	...	13	Congenital Dislocations	...	...
Corneal Opacity	...	...	1	of Hips	...	...	2
Cyst on Eyelids	...	...	2	Displaced Nasal Septum	...	...	1
Defective Vision	...	1,204		Genu Valgum	...	...	4
Hordeolum	...	...	7	Genu Varum	...	...	1
Irregular Pupils	...	...	1	Hammer Toes	...	...	1
Nystagmus	...	...	3	Hare Lip	...	...	2
Ptosis	...	...	3	Kyphosis	...	...	1
Squint	...	...	84	Lordosis	...	...	1
			—	Pes Planus	...	...	6
			1,366	Rachitic Deformities	...	...	6
			—	Sequel to Injury	...	...	7
Ear Diseases.				Sequel to Poliоencepha-	...	...
Cerumen	...	...	4	litis (Paresis, etc.)	...	...	5
Defective Hearing	...	...	5	Talipes	...	...	4
Earache	...	...	2	Torticollis	...	...	4
Otitis Media	...	...	2				—
Otorrhœa	...	...	12				51
			—				—
			25				
			—				

TABLE E.—continued.

Other Diseases or Defects.				Parasites (Intestinal) ...	15
Adenitis ...	...	...	1	Spastic Paraplegia ...	1
Albinism...	...	...	1	Synovitis ...	1
Angioma on Face ...	...	...	1	Thrush ...	1
Chronic Appendicitis ...	...	...	4	Thyroglossal Duct ...	2
Cyst Sebaceous...	...	...	1	Tongue Tie ...	1
Dextrocardia ...	...	...	1	Tonsillitis ...	1
Enlarged Inguinal Glands	...	...	3	Other Conditions ...	6
Epistaxis ...	...	...	1		—
Ganglion...	...	...	1		44
Nasal Polypus ...	...	...	1		—

TABLE F.

Showing the Number of Operations for the Removal of enlarged or Diseased Tonsils and Adenoids in the various County Institutions during the Year 1947.

Letterkenny District Hospital ...	...	258
Lifford District Hospital ...	...	36
Carndonagh District Hospital ...	...	56
Donegal District Hospital ...	...	8
Ballyshannon District Hospital ...	...	8
Total ...	...	366

TABLE G.

Giving Details of Dental Clinics Held During the Year 1947.

Total Number of Clinics held ...	...	43
Number of Children Treated ...	...	1,143

TABLE H.

Giving Details of Eye Clinics Conducted by the County Ophthalmic Surgeon During the Year 1947.

Number of Children Examined	802
Number of Children for Whom Glasses were Prescribed	761

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